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SOUTH INDIA CONFERENCE,

1902.

NAMES.	United with S. I. Conference.	How admitted.	From what Conference.	Vernacular.	The year passed.
Anderson, Karl ...	1899	Transfer ...	N. W. Iowa ...	Tamil ...	3
Batstone, William H. L. ...	1895	On Trial ...	.....	Hindustani ...	1
Buttrick, John B. ...	1889	Recognition of Credentials.	Nova Scotia ...	Kanarese ...	*
Chendaya, Gattu ...	1897	On Trial ...	.....	.....	...
Cook, Albert E. ...	1892	Transfer ...	Bombay {	Telugu ...	2
DeSouza, Charles W. Ross ...	1899	.....	N. W. India ...	Kanarese ...	*
Desai, Nanappa ...	1893	On Trial ...	.....	.....	...
Ernsberger, David O. ...	1882	Transfer ...	North Indiana.	Kanarese ...	*
Garden, Joseph H. ...	1884	.....	Kentucky ...	Telugu ...	*
Gershom, Govindaraju... ..	1893	On Trial ...	.....	.....	...
Gilder, George K. ...	1876	Transfer ...	North India ...	.....	...
Gopalah, Robert ...	1892	On Trial ...	.....	.....	...
Grose, R. C. ...	1900	Transfer ...	New England	.....	...
Hollister, William H. ...	1888	Transfer ...	Wisconsin ..	.....	...
Job, Satvika M. ...	1892	On Trial ...	... ..	.....	...
King, William L. ...	1888	Transfer ...	Minnesota {	Kanarese ...	1
				Tamil ...	2
				Telugu ...	3
Lewis, Malappa ...	1892	On Trial ...	.....	.....	...
Luke, Benjamin ...	1892	„ ...	.....	.....	...
Maigur, Samuel ...	1896	„ ...	.....	.....	...
Nursaya, Monala ...	1893	„ ...	.....	.....	...
Noah, Suhrudia ...	1892	„ ...	.....	.....	...
Ozanne, Herbert G. ...	1899	„ ...	.....	Kanarese ...	1
Parker, Charles E. ...	1901	„ ...	.....	Telugu ...	1
Raju, Wutharamallur ...	1895	„ ...	.....	.....	...
Roberts, Ellis ...	1895	Transfer ...	Rock River ...	Kanarese ...	*
Roberts, Percy V. ...	1901	On Trial ...	.....	Kanarese ...	1
Rudisill, Abraham W. ...	1892	Transfer ...	Baltimore ...	.....	...
Shaw, Fawcett E. N. ...	1895	„ ..	Bombay {	Urdu ...	3
				Kanarese ...	1
Tindale, Matthew ...	1898	„ ...	N. W. India ...	Hindustani ...	*
Ward, Charles B. ...	1892	Re-admitted	Telugu ...	*

NOTE.—The * denotes those who have passed the prescribed course.

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19	J. W. Hamilton	San Francisco, California.
20	J. M. Thoburn	Bombay, India.
21	F. W. Warne	Calcutta, India.
1	Anderson, Karl ..	1895	Elder ..	Richmond Town, Bangalore.
2	Batstone, W. H. L. ..	1895	Bidar, via Hominabad.
3	Buttrick, John B. ..	1882	Bowringpet.
4	Chendaya, Gattu ..	1897	Probationer ..	Jagdalpur, Bastar.
5	Cook, Albert E. ..	1891	Elder ..	150, Fifth Ave., New York.
6	DeSouza, Charles W. ..	1881	C/o Secretary, S. I. Conference.
7	Desai, Nanappa ..	1893	Shorapur, via Lingasagur.
8	Ernsberger, D O. ..	1882	Raichur, Deccan.
9	Garden, J. H. ..	1883	Vikarabad, Deccan.
10	Gershon, G. ..	1893	Kolar.
11	Gilder, G. K. ..	1874	150, Fifth Ave., New York.
12	Gopalah, R. ..	1892	Vepery, Madras.
13	Grose, R. C.	Hyderabad, Deccan.
14	Hollister, W. H. ..	1884	Kolar.
15	Job, Satvika, M. ..	1892	Bowringpet.
16	King, W. L. ..	1883	150, Fifth Ave., New York.
17	Lewis, Malappa ..	1892	Hosur.
18	Luke, Benjamin ..	1892	Deacon ..	Sironcha, C. P.
19	Maigur, Samuel ..	1896	Wondalli, via Raichur.
20	Nursaya, M. ..	1893	Elder ..	Yellandu.
21	Noah, Suhrudia ..	1892	Srinivasapur.
22	Ozanne, Herbert G. ...	1899	Probationer ..	Kolar.
23	Parker, Charles E. ...	1901	Secunderabad, Deccan.
24	Raju, W. ..	1895	Deacon ..	Kodambaukam, Madras.
25	Roberts, E.	Elder ..	Gulbarga.
26	Roberts, Percy V. ..	1901	Probationer ..	Richmond Town, Bangalore.
27	Rudisill, A. W. ..	1870	Elder ..	Mount Road, Madras.
28	Shaw, F. E. N. ..	1889	Vepery, Madras.
29	Tindale, Matthew	Royapuram, Madras.
30	Ward, Charles B. ..	1876	Yellandu, N. G. S. Railway.

ROLL
OF
LOCAL PREACHERS
OF THE
SOUTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

NAMES.	RELATION.	POST OFFICE.
Chinnappa, S.	Licentiate	Kosgi, Deccan.
Cornelius, N.	"	Kuppam.
Cuffley, F. W. S., B.A. ...	"	British Cochin.
Cumine, W. B.	"	Bangalore.
Davis, A. C.	"	Hyderabad, Deccan.
Gnanappa, C.	"	Vikarabad, "
Gurumurti, N. R.	"	Raichur.
Josiah, C.	"	Nazareth, Kolar.
Karodi, J.	"	Gulbarga.
Leonard, P.	"	Nazareth, Kolar.
Luther, Martin	"	Betmangal.
Lynsdale, H. H. D.	"	Bangalore.
Mark, John	"	Yellahanka.
Marrett, W.	"	Hyderabad, Deccan.
Manikyam, V.	"	Manakota, Deccan.
Obed, C.	"	Rollingspur.
Paul, W.	Deacon	Bidar, Deccan.
Parker, J.	"	Bellary.
Plunkett, J.	Licentiate	Hyderabad, Deccan.
Rogé, G. S.	"	Tirpur.
Samuel, R. D.	"	Narasingapuram, Madras.
Sharpe, C. F., B.A.	"	Adirampatnam.
Simeon, D.	"	Kolar.
Stephens, J. H.	"	Bangalore.
Stephen, K.	"	Kolar.
Stephen, B.	"	Bangalore.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

President :

BISHOP FRANK W. WARNE, D.D.

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F. E. N. SHAW.

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Corresponding Secretary :

R. C. GROSE.

CONFERENCE BOARDS.

Education.

A. W. Rudisill, J. B. Buttrick, D. O. Ernsberger, C. W. Ross deSouza, C. B. Ward, Ellis Roberts, Miss Maskell, Miss Carver, Miss Wells.

Church Extension.

D. O. Ernsberger, A. C. Davis, J. H. Stephens, A. W. Rudisill, A. E. Cook.

Examiners.

English Studies :—W. H. Hollister, F. E. N. Shaw, A. W. Rudisill, R. C. Grose.

Vernacular Studies :—J. H. Garden, C. B. Ward, C. W. Ross deSouza, M. Tindale, Ellis Roberts.

Deaconess.

A. W. Rudisill, W. H. Hollister, R. C. Grose, Miss Fisher, Miss Stephens, Miss Evans, Miss Wood, Mrs. Grose, Miss Carver.

Epworth League.

President, F. E. N. Shaw ; *Vice-Presidents*, Miss Harvey, R. C. Grose, K. Anderson, M. Tindale ; *Secretary*, H. G. Ozanne ;
Treasurer, G. Gershom.

Triers of Appeals.

A. W. Rudisill, F. E. N. Shaw, W. H. Hollister, C. B. Ward, R. C. Grose, K. Anderson, Govindaraju Gershom.

Church Location.

GODAVERY DISTRICT:—The Presiding Elder, C. B. Ward, G. Chendaya, W. Plumley, Mrs. Gilder,

HYDERABAD DISTRICT:—The Presiding Elder, W. H. L. Batstone, J. H. Garden, W. E. Gay, C. J. Müller.

MADRAS DISTRICT.—The Presiding Elder, W. H. Hollister, M. Tindale, J. H. Stephens, C. F. Sharp.

RAICHUR DISTRICT.—The Presiding Elder, Ellis Roberts, Miss Carver, Joshua Parker, J. Karodi.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS :—Karl Anderson, H. G. Ozanne, S. Noah, Nanappa Desai.

STATE OF THE CHURCH :—M. Tindale, G. Gershom, W. H. L. Batstone.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS :—W. H. Hollister, R. C. Grose, S. Maigur.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS :—C. B. Ward, C. W. Ross deSouza, A. W. Rudisill.

MEMOIRS :—A. E. Cook, N. Desai, Miss Wood, Miss Harvey, R. Gopalak.

TEMPERANCE :—F. E. N. Shaw, S. Maigur, H. G. Ozanne, S. M. Job.

PUBLISHING MINUTES :—The Secretaries, and Agent of Publishing House.

AUDIT :—D. O. Ernsberger, J. H. Garden, W. H. Hollister, C. B. Ward, H. G. Ozanne, R. C. Grose, Mrs. Grose, Miss Fisher.

TO PREACH THE ANNUAL SERMON :—D. O. Ernsberger, *Alternate*, C. B. Ward.

FINANCE :—The Presiding Elders, C. B. Ward, J. H. Garden, W. H. Hollister, A. W. Rudisill.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. Business : How Brought Forward.

All the business of the Conference excepting such as may be brought forward by the President shall be introduced by motion.

II. Questions of Order.

All questions of order shall be determined by the President, whose decision shall in all cases prevail, unless overruled by an appeal to the Conference : any three members dissenting from the President's judgment, shall have right to appeal to the Conference.

III. Committees : How Appointed.

The President shall appoint all Committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference.

IV. Motions reduced to Writing.

All motions or resolutions introduced by any member of the Conference shall be reduced to writing, if the Secretary or any member request it.

V. New Motion.

No new motion or resolution shall be entertained till the one under consideration shall be disposed of, which may be by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following motions should intervene ; namely, to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a given time, to refer, to postpone indefinitely, to amend ; and these motions shall give precedence in the order in which they are placed.

VI. Rules of Discussion.

Every member shall have a right to speak on any motion, but shall not speak more than five minutes at any one time, nor more than once on any one subject until all have spoken who desire to do so, unless by special permission of the Conference.

VII. Absence.

No member shall absent himself from the services of the Conference unless he be sick or unable to attend.

VIII. To Close Discussion.

It shall be in order for any member of the Conference, when he thinks a question has been sufficiently discussed, to move that the question be taken without further debate, and if the motion be sustained by two-thirds of the members present and voting, the main question shall then be put without further discussion.

JOURNAL.

First Day.

KOLAR, 28th December, 1902.

The Conference assembled at 7-45 P.M. in the Kolar Mission Institute, Bishop F. W. Warne, D.D., in the Chair. A. W. Rudisill conducted the Devotional Exercises. The Scripture lesson was part of the fourth chapter of John's Gospel. After prayer had been offered, the Bishop announced Hymn 95, Songs and Solos. "He leadeth me," expressing the wish that this might be the experience of the Conference.

Opening.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, and the following answered their names :—Karl Anderson, J. B. Buttrick, A. E. Cook, C. W. Ross deSouza, Nanappa Desai, D. O. Ernsberger, J. H. Garden, Govindaraju Gershom, Robert Gopalah, R. C. Grose, M. L. Harris, W. H. Hollister, S. M. Job, Samuel Maigur, Suhrudia Noah, H. G. Ozanne, A. W. Rudisill, F. E. N. Shaw, Matthew Tindale, C. B. Ward.

Roll.

On motion of J. H. Garden, F. E. N. Shaw was elected Secretary, with permission to nominate his assistant. J. H. Garden was nominated, and the nomination was confirmed by the Conference.

Organization.

On motion of J. B. Buttrick, M. Tindale was elected Statistical Secretary.

Statistical Secretary.

On motion of W. H. Hollister, J. B. Buttrick was elected Conference Treasurer.

Conference Treasurer.

On motion of J. B. Buttrick, R. C. Grose was elected Corresponding Secretary.

Corresponding Secretary.

On motion of W. H. Hollister, the Conference Bar was made to include the first four rows of seats.

Conference Bar.

The following were introduced to the Conference :—Miss Montgomery of the W. F. M. S. recently arrived from America ; Miss Harvey of the W. F. M. S. from Raipur, C. P.

Introductions.

The following changes were made in Conference Boards and Committees :

Vacancies on Conference Boards and Committees.

Deaconess Board.—Mrs. Grose in place of Mrs. King.

Board of Education.—A. W. Rudisill in place of W. L. King, J. H. Garden in place of Ellis Roberts.

Committee on State of the Church.—J. H. Garden in place of W. H. L. Batstone.

Committee on Sunday Schools.—S. Noah in place of B. Luke.

Conference Stewards.—S. Maigur in place of M. Narasaya.

Committee on Memoirs.—G. Gershom in place of G. Chendaya.

Committee on Temperance.—H. G. Ozanne in place of M. Narasaya.

Hours of Session.

On motion of W. H. Hollister, the hours of daily session were fixed from 11 A. M. to 1-30 P. M.

Candidates referred to Com. on Conf. Relations.

On motion of J. B. Buttrick, it was resolved that the names of all candidates for Admission on trial, full connexion or any change in Conference relation, shall be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

W. L. King.

A communication from W. L. King was read by the Secretary, in which he sends fraternal greeting to the Conference.

W. L. King and G. K. Gilder.

C. B. Ward presented a Resolution regarding W. L. King and G. K. Gilder, which was adopted. (See Resolution I.)

Bishop's Remarks.

At this point the Bishop addressed the Conference desiring first to give thanks for personal restoration to health, and for special blessing in behalf of himself and of those present. He spoke encouragingly of the growing interest in missions in the home land, as manifested in the great Missionary Convention at Cleveland, and the farewell meeting to Bishop Thoburn in New York.

At the suggestion of W. H. Hollister, in view of what the Conference had just heard the Doxology was sung.

Question XIII.

Question XIII was taken up; "*Was the character of each Preacher examined?*"

The Godavery District.

G. K. Gilder was called, and his character was passed.

C. B. Ward was called, his character was passed, and as Officiating Presiding Elder, he reported the Godavery District.

The following Elders of the Godavery District were called, and their characters were passed:—B. Luke, M. Narasaya.

Adjournment.

After the announcements were made, on motion of W. H. Hollister, the Conference adjourned. The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

SOUTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

Second Day.

KOLAR, 29th December, 1902.

The Conference assembled at 11 A.M. A. E. Cook led the Devotional Exercises.

Opening.

The Minutes of the first day were read, corrected and approved.

Minutes.

On motion of R. C. Grose, the Secretary was requested to send a message of sympathy to C. E. Parker who was detained at Hyderabad by illness.

C. E. Parker.

Question XIII was taken up; "*Was the character of each Preacher examined?*"

Question
XIII.

W. L. King was called, his character was passed. In his absence from India the report of the Hyderabad District was read by the Officiating Presiding Elder, D. O. Ernsberger.

Hyderabad
District.

The following Elders of the Hyderabad District were called, and their characters were passed:—A. E. Cook, W. H. L. Batstone, R. C. Grose, J. H. Garden.

J. B. Buttrick was called, his character passed, and he reported the Madras District.

Madras
District.

The following Elders of the Madras District were called, and their characters were passed:—C. W. Ross deSouza, S. M. Job, M. Lewis (the Presiding Elder explained his absence from Conference as due to the prevalence of plague in his station and among his people), K. R. Gopalah, W. H. Hollister, G. Gershom, M. Tindale, F. E. N. Shaw, S. Noah, A. W. Rudisill.

W. H. Hollister and A. W. Rudisill at the request of the Conference gave an account of the Kolar Industrial School and the erection of the Kolar Mission Institute, and the Madras Publishing House respectively.

On motion of R. C. Grose, the Conference adjourned, after singing the Doxology. The Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

Adjourn-
ment.

Third Day.

KOLAR, 30th December, 1902.

Conference assembled at 11 A.M. M. L. Harris led the Devotional Exercises.

Opening.

The Minutes of the second day were read and approved.

Minutes.

C. B. Ward presented a resolution regarding the Godavery District, which was adopted. (See Resolution II.)

The Godavery
District,

Home Mis-
sionary
Society in
Southern
Asia.

The Secretary read a letter from the Rev. H. R. Calkins of Bombay, Provisional Secretary of the Commission appointed to consider the matter of organizing a Home Missionary Society in Southern Asia, informing the Conference of the action of the Bombay Conference on the subject.

A resolution was presented by C. W. Ross deSouza, which was adopted. (See Resolution III.)

Miss E. L.
Harvey.

C. B. Ward presented a resolution of thanks to Miss E. L. Harvey of Raipur for special services rendered by her to the District which was adopted. (See Resolution IV.)

Question
XIII.

Question XIII was taken up; "*Was the character of each Preacher examined?*"

Raichur
District.

D. O. Ernsberger was called, his character passed and he reported the Raichur District.

The following Elders of the Raichur District were called, and their characters were passed:—N. Desai, Ellis Roberts.

Question IV.

Question IV was taken up; "*Who have been received on trial?*"

P. V. Roberts having been duly recommended by the Madras District Conference, the Committee of Examination having reported favourably, and his Presiding Elder having represented his case, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, was admitted on trial.

Jhandu Singh having been duly recommended by the Raipur Fourth Quarterly Conference, and his Presiding Elder having represented his case, pointing out that he held certificates from the Theological Seminary at Bareilly, and that he had passed the entire four years' course of study for Local Preachers, on recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, was admitted on trial.

Question V.

Question V was taken up; "*Who have been continued on trial?*"

1. *In the studies of the first year.*

C. E. Parker was called, his character passed, the Committee of Examination having reported favourably, he was continued on trial, and advanced to the studies of the second year, with the request that the written sermon of the first year's course be presented at an early date.

2. *In the studies of the second year.*

H. G. Ozanne was called, his character passed, the Committee of Examination having reported that he had not appeared for examination, his Presiding Elder ex-

plained that it was due to temporary ill-health, and that he was willing to be examined within the first quarter of next year, he was continued in the studies of the second year, and affectionately urged to bring up the studies in which he is in arrears as soon as possible.

W. Raju was called, the Committee of Examination having reported that he had not appeared for examination, on motion of J. B. Buttrick, his character was passed and he was continued on trial in the studies of the same year.

Question VIII was taken up; "*What members are in the studies of the third year?*"

Question
VIII.

G. Chendaya was called, his character was passed, his Presiding Elder having satisfactorily explained the cause of his absence, and his not having appeared before the Committee of Examination, he was continued in the studies of the third year.

S. Maigur was called, his character passed, the Committee of Examination having reported favourably, on motion of D. O. Ernsberger he was advanced to the studies of the fourth year, with the request that his written sermon of the third year's course be sent in at an early date.

M. L. Harris was called, his character passed, the Committee of Examination having reported favourably, on motion of D. O. Ernsberger he was credited with having completed the course of study.

Karl Anderson was called, his character passed, the Committee of Examination having reported that he had completed the English Course of Study, on motion of J. B. Buttrick he was advanced to the class of Effective Elders.

B. Luke was called, and his character was passed. His Presiding Elder explained the unavoidable circumstances of his absence from Conference.

Question XV was taken up; "*Who have died?*" The name of John Narappa, Superannuated Preacher, was mentioned as having died during the year.

Question XV.

On motion of R. C. Grose the hour for receiving the report of the Committee on Memoirs was made the order of the day for Wednesday at 1 o'clock.

On motion of W. H. Hollister, the Conference adjourned after hearing the announcements. The Doxology was sung, and the Benediction was pronounced by H. G. Ozanne.

Fourth Day.

KOLAR, 31st December, 1902.

- Opening. Conference assembled at 11 A.M. Devotional Exercises were conducted by H. G. Ozanne.
- Minutes. The Minutes of the third day were read and approved.
- Reporters. On motion of J. B. Buttrick, the following were appointed to report proceedings of the Conference to the Church papers indicated :—
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| F. E. N. Shaw | ... | <i>Indian Witness.</i> |
| G. Gershom | ... | <i>Suvarite Patrike.</i> |
| C. W. Ross deSouza | ... | <i>Gospel-in-all-lands.</i> |
| Mangal Lal Harris | ... | <i>Kaukab-i-Hind.</i> |
| A. W. Rudisill | ... | <i>New York Christian Advocate.</i> |
| J. H. Garden | ... | <i>World-wide Missions.</i> |
| A. E. Cook | ... | <i>Michigan Christian Advocate.</i> |
| Karl Anderson | ... | <i>North-Western Christian Advocate.</i> |
| | | <i>Christian Standard.</i> |
| C. B. Ward | ... | <i>Christian Witness.</i> |
| | | <i>Guide to Holiness.</i> |
| R. C. Grose | ... | <i>Zion's Herald.</i> |
- Committee on Resolutions. On motion of A. E. Cook the following were appointed a Committee on Resolutions :—C. B. Ward, C. W. Ross deSouza, A. W. Rudisill, N. Desai, R. Gopalak.
- Publishing Conference Minutes. On motion of J. B. Buttrick, it was ordered that the Conference Minutes be published at the usual cost, viz., two annas a copy, and the bill for the balance be presented to the Finance Committee. The Secretary called the roll and made a record of the number of copies required by each member.
- Question XXX. Question XXX was taken up; "*Where shall the next Conference be held?*" On motion of W. H. Hollister, Bangalore was chosen as the place for the next session.
- Vernacular Examination. The Committee of Examination reported the result of the examination in the vernacular of the following Missionaries :—
- W. L. King, third year's course in Telugu, passed in all but one subject. On motion of R. C. Grose he was advanced to the fourth year with the request that the subject in which he has not gained passing marks he brought up.
- A. E. Cook appeared for one subject in the fourth year of the Kanarese Course on which he was behind, and passed. On motion of D. O. Ernsberger it was ordered that he should be credited with having passed the entire course in Kanarese.

M. Tindale read the Report of the Statistical Secretary, which was adopted. (See Statistical Tables).

Statistics.

On motion of J. B. Buttrick, it was resolved that the apportionment of Benevolences be referred to the Finance Committee.

Apportionment of Benevolences.

On motion of M. Tindale, it was resolved that all Preachers in charge and Missionaries be urged to send in their returns to the Statistical Secretary at least one week before the date of the Annual Conference.

Statistical Returns.

M. Tindale presented the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church, which was adopted. (See Report I.)

Report on the State of the Church.

On motion of J. B. Buttrick the order of the day, Memorial Service, was taken up.

Order of the day, Memorial Service.

A. E. Cook read a Memoir of John Narappa, and Miss Harvey read a Memoir of Mrs. Erramma Narasaya. Tributes of affection and esteem were spoken by friends of the deceased. Bishop Warne referred in solemn words to the brevity and uncertainty of life and of the necessity of having every part of our work well in hand, so as to be ready at any moment to render up an account.

On motion of R. C. Grose, it was resolved that the Memoir of Mrs. Erramma Narasaya be printed in the Minutes.

W. H. Hollister presented the Report of the Conference Stewards, which was adopted. (See Report II.)

Report of the Conference Stewards.

On motion of J. B. Buttrick, the President of the Conference was authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Book Concern for any money due to the Conference.

Book Concern Dividend.

On motion of R. C. Grose, Conference adjourned to meet again at 2-30 P.M. Announcements were made, and the Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

KOLAR, 31st December, 1902.

Conference was called to order at 2-30 P.M. by M. Tindale who was appointed to the Chair by the Bishop.

Opening.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Minutes.

F. E. N. Shaw presented the Report of the Board of Epworth League which was adopted. (See Report III.)

Report of the Board of E. League.

Karl Anderson presented the Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools, which was adopted. (See Report IV.)

Report on Sunday Schools.

Report of the
Committee on
Temperance.

F. E. N. Shaw presented the Report of the Committee on Temperance, which was adopted. (See Report V.)

Chair.

At this point the Bishop came in, and took the Chair from M. Tindale.

Report of the
Conference
Treasurer.

J. B. Buttrick presented the Report of the Conference Treasurer, which was adopted. (See Report VI.)

Illustrated
Report.

A. W. Rudisill presented the Report of the Committee on Illustrated Report of our work which was adopted. (See Report VII.)

On motion of C. B. Ward it was ordered that the same Committee appointed last year, should continue in Office this year also.

Conference
Boards.

On motion of J. B. Buttrick, the following Boards were appointed :—

Education.—A. W. Rudisill, J. B. Buttrick, D. O. Ernsberger, C. W. Ross deSouza, C. B. Ward, Ellis Roberts, Miss Maskell, Miss Carver, Miss Wells.

Church Extension.—D. O. Ernsberger, A. C. Davis, J. H. Stephens, A. W. Rudisill, A. E. Cook.

Deaconess.—A. W. Rudisill, W. H. Hollister, R. C. Grose, Miss Fisher, Miss Stephens, Miss Wood, Miss Evans, Mrs. Grose, Miss Carver.

Epworth League.—*President:* F. E. N. Shaw. *Vice-Presidents:* Miss Harvey, R. C. Grose, K. Anderson, M. Tindale. *Secretary:* H. G. Ozanne. *Treasurer:* G. Gershom.

Church Location.—Godavery District :—The Presiding Elder, C. B. Ward, G. Chendaya, W. Plumley, Mrs. Gilder.

Hyderabad District :—The Presiding Elder, W. H. L. Batstone, J. H. Garden, W. E. Gay, C. J. Müller.

Madras District :—The Presiding Elder, W. H. Hollister, M. Tindale, J. H. Stephens, C. F. Sharp.

Raichur District :—The Presiding Elder, Ellis Roberts, Miss Carver, Joshua Parker, J. Karodi.

Standing
Committees.

On nomination of J. B. Buttrick the following Standing Committees were appointed for the coming conference year :

Sunday Schools :—Karl Anderson, H. G. Ozanne, S. Noah, Nanappa Desai.

State of the Church :—M. Tindale, G. Gershom, W. H. L. Batstone.

Conference Stewards :—W. H. Hollister, R. C. Grose, S. Maigur.

Conference Relations:—C. B. Ward, C. W. Ross, deSouza, A. W. Rudisill.

Memoirs:—A. E. Cook, Nanappa Desai, Miss Wood, Miss Harvey, R. Gopalah.

Temperance:—F. E. N. Shaw, S. Maigur, H. G. Ozanne, S. M. Job.

Publishing Minutes:—The Secretaries and Agent of Publishing House.

Audit:—D. O. Ernsberger, J. H. Garden, W. H. Hollister, C. B. Ward, H. G. Ozanne, R. C. Grose, Mrs. Grose, Miss Fisher.

R. C. Grose presented the Report of the Auditing Committee which was adopted. (See Report VIII.)

Report of the
Auditing
Committee.

The Bishop announced the Triers of Appeals as follows:—A. W. Rudisill, F. E. N. Shaw, W. H. Hollister, R. C. Grose, C. B. Ward, Karl Anderson, Govindaraju Gershom.

Triers of
Appeals.

D. O. Ernsberger was appointed by the Bishop to preach the Annual Sermon with C. B. Ward as alternate.

Conference
Sermon.

C. W. Ross deSouza presented the Report of the Board of Education, which was adopted. (See Report IX.)

Report of
the Board
of Education.

The Bishop nominated the following for election to the Finance Committee:—W. H. Hollister, Ellis Roberts, J. H. Garden, C. B. Ward, C. W. Ross deSouza, M. Tindale, N. Desai, and S. Noah.

Election of
Members of
Finance
Committee.

A. E. Cook and Karl Anderson were appointed Tellers, and the result of the ballot was as follows:—Ellis Roberts, W. H. Hollister, J. H. Garden, C. B. Ward.

On motion of F. E. N. Shaw those having the next highest votes were elected first, and second alternates:—C. W. Ross deSouza and M. Tindale.

C. B. Ward presented a resolution regarding the National Bible Society of Scotland, which was adopted. (See Resolution V.)

National
Bible Society
of Scotland.

C. B. Ward presented a resolution regarding the Madras Auxiliary Bible Society, which was adopted. The chair appointed A. W. Rudisill to present the resolution to the Committee of the Bible Society. (See Resolution VI.)

Madras
Auxiliary
Bible Society.

The Bishop announced the Conference Board of Examiners as follows:—

Board of
Examiners.

English Studies:—W. H. Hollister, F. E. N. Shaw, A. W. Rudisill, R. C. Grose.

Vernacular Studies:—J. H. Garden, C. B. Ward, C. W. Ross deSouza, M. Tindale, Ellis Roberts.

Adjournment On motion of R. C. Grose, Conference adjourned to meet again at 6 P.M. Announcements were made and the Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

EVENING SESSION.

KOLAR, 31st December, 1902.

Opening, Conference assembled at 6 P.M. C. W. Ross deSouza led the Devotional Exercises.

Minutes. The Minutes of the afternoon session were read, corrected and approved.

Official
Record of the
Conference. On motion of R. C. Grose, the Minutes were made the Official Record of the Conference.

Bishop's
Remarks. The Bishop here addressed the Conference calling attention to the fact, that of recent years there appears to be a falling off in the number of baptisms. This was probably due to the fear on the part of some lest those baptized should not be provided with instructors, for lack of funds to support workers, and consequently large numbers have been denied baptism. The Bishop remarked that in the judgment of the leading Missionaries this policy ought not to be followed any longer, as it did not seem fair to the people. He wished to be understood that he was not an advocate of hasty baptisms, but that he considered that those who evince a strong desire to be Christians and who are willing to accept such instruction as can be provided, ought to be baptized. He urged the necessity of making every possible effort to instruct and train these young converts, so as to lead them on in the knowledge of the Lord.

Report of the
Deaconess
Board. D. O. Ernsberger presented the Report of the Deaconess Board, which was adopted. (See Report X.)

Resolutions. The Committee on Resolutions presented the following:—(See Resolution VII.)

Bishop
Warne. 1. Regarding Bishop Warne, which at the call of the Secretary was adopted by a rising vote.

Entertain-
ment. 2. Thanks to Bro. and Sister Hollister, Sisters Fisher, Woods and Maskell with Bro. and Sister Buttrick for entertainment of Conference and hospitality. Adopted by a rising vote.

A. E. Cook. 3. Affectionate regard for Bro. and Sister Cook who are leaving the country commending them to the Church in America. Adopted by a rising vote.

Mrs. Hollister,
Mrs. Buttrick. 4. Affectionate regard for Mrs. Hollister and family and Mrs. Buttrick and family, leaving the country. Adopted.

K. R. Gopalak presented a resolution of thanks on behalf of the Indian members of Conference which was adopted by a rising vote. (See Resolution VII).

A. E. Cook spoke a few words of appreciation of the work in Kolar and as an expression of the esteem in which the Conference regards Brother Hollister, on behalf of the Bishop and members of Conference, he presented Bro. Hollister with a paper containing a list of names with promises of money to the amount of three hundred Rupees towards the debt on the Kolar Mission Institute.

Expression
of esteem for
Bro. Hollister
and his work.

Brother Hollister thanked the Conference in a few choice words.

On motion of C. W. Ross deSouza it was ordered that the Conference stands adjourned, after reading the minutes and appointments for the ensuing year.

Adjournment.

The Bishop addressed the Conference urging all to greater fidelity and earnestness in the work, and as a motto for the year he suggested Isaiah liv. 10. The appointments were then read, and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

FAWCETT SHAW,
Secretary.

FRANK W. WARNE,
Presiding Bishop.

Disciplinary Questions.

1. *Who have been received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?* None.
2. *Who have been Readmitted?* None.
3. *Who have been received on Credentials, and from what Churches?* None.
4. *Who have been received on Trial?*
 - I. *In studies of First Year.* Percy V. Roberts.
 - II. *In studies of Third Year.* None.
5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*
 - I. *In studies of First Year.* None.
 - II. *In studies of Second Year.* Herbert G. Ozanne, Wutharamullur Raju, Charles E. Parker.
 - III. *In studies of Third Year.* Gattu Chendaya.
 - IV. *In studies of Fourth Year.* None.
6. *Who have been Discontinued?* None.
7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*
 - I. *Elected and ordained Deacons this year.* None.
 - II. *Elected and ordained Deacons previously.* None.
8. *What Members are in studies of Third Year?*
 - I. *Admitted into Full Membership this year.* None.
 - II. *Admitted into Full Membership previously.* None.
9. *What Members are in studies of Fourth Year?* Samuel Maigur, Mangal L. Harris, Benjamin Luke.
10. *What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?*
 - I. *Elected and ordained Elders this year?* None.
 - II. *Elected and ordained Elders previously.* Karl Anderson.
11. *What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?*
 - I. *As Local Preachers.* None.
 - II. *Under Missionary Rule.* None.
12. *What others have been elected and ordained Elders?*
 - I. *As Local Deacons.* None.
 - II. *Under Missionary Rule.* None.
13. *Was the character of each Preacher examined?* This was strictly done as the name of each Preacher was called in open Conference.
14. *Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences?* M. L. Harris, North India Conference.
15. *Who have died?* John Narappa.
16. *Who have been Located at their own request?* None.
17. *Who have been Located?* None.
18. *Who have Withdrawn?* None.
19. *Who have been permitted to withdraw under Charges or Complaints?* None.

20. *Who have been expelled?* None.
21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?* None.
22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?* None.
23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?* None.
24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?* A. W. Rudisill, F. E. N. Shaw, W. H. Hollister, C. B. Ward, R. C. Grose, K. Anderson, Govindaraju Gershom.
25. *What is the Statistical Report for this year?* See Statistical Tables.
26. *What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer?* Rs. 1,448-8-6.
27. *What are the claims on the Conference Fund?* Rs. 1,680-0-0.
28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been applied?* Rs. 1,680-0-0 which has been applied under order of the Conference.
29. *Where are the Preachers stationed?* See Appointments.
30. *Where shall the next Conference be held?* Richmond Town, Bangalore.

South India Conference.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1903.

BANGALORE DISTRICT.—J. B. BUTTRICK, P.E.

(P. O. Bowringpet.)

Bangalore—English Church.....	KARL ANDERSON.
„ Baldwin High School.....	P. V. ROBERTS, Head Master.
„ Vernacular Circuit.....	To be supplied.
Bowringpet.....	J. B. BUTTRICK and S. M. JOB.
Hosur.....	MALAPPA LEWIS.
Kolar.....	W. H. HOLLISTER.
„ Evangelistic Work.....	H. G. OZANNE.
„ Kanarese Church.....	GOVINDARAJU GERSHOM.
Kuppam.....	To be supplied.
Mulbagal.....	To be supplied.
Srinivasapur.....	SUHRUDIA NOAH.

C. W. ROSS DESOUZA, on leave.

GODAVERY DISTRICT.—G. K. GILDER, P. E.

(P. O. Raipur, C. P.)

Drug.....	To be supplied.
Jagdalpur—Industrial Work and Boys' Orphanage.....	Supplied by WILLIAM PLUMLEY.
„ Evangelistic Work.....	Supplied by W. T. WARD.

Jagdalpur.—Circuit Evangelist.....	GATTU CHENDAYA.
Raipur Circuit.....	Supplied by A. L. RICHARDS.
„ Church.....	JHANDU SINGH.
Sironcha.....	BENJAMIN LUKE.
Yellandu.....	C. B. WARD.
„ Telugu Church and Evangelistic Work...	MONALLA NURSAYA.

HYDERABAD DISTRICT.—W. L. KING, P. E.

(P. O., Hyderabad, Deccan.)

Bidar.....	W. H. L. BATSTONE.
Hyderabad—English Church.....	R. C. GROSE.
„ City School...(Layman) SHANTASHILA PAUL, Head Master.	
Secunderabad—English Church.....	C. E. PARKER.
„ and Hyderabad Vernacular Circuits.....	C. E. PARKER.
Vikarabad.....	J. H. GARDEN.

A. E. Cook, on leave to America.

MADRAS DISTRICT.—A. W. RUDISILL, P. E.

(P. O., Mount Road, Madras.)

Kodambakam.....	WUTHARAMALLUR RAJU.
Narsingapuram.....	To be supplied.
Publishing House Church.....	A. W. RUDISILL.
Royapuram.....	MATTHEW TINDALE.
Vepery English Circuit.....	F. E. N. SHAW.
„ Tamil Circuit.....	K. R. GOPALAH.
Publishing House.....	A. W. RUDISILL, Agent.

RAICHUR DISTRICT.—D. O. ERNSBERGER, P. E.

(P. O., Raichur, Deccan.)

Gulbarga.....	ELLIS ROBERTS.
Hominabad.....	To be supplied.
Kopbal.....	To be supplied.
Raichur.....	D. O. ERNSBERGER.
Shorapur.....	NANAPPA DESAI.
Wondalli and Lingsugur.....	SAMUEL MAIGUR.

Woman's Conference.

BANGALORE DISTRICT.

Bangalore—Deaconess Work.....	Mrs. A. M. WALKER.
„ Girls' High School.....	Miss MONTGOMERY.
„ Vernacular Work.....	To be supplied.
Kolar—Boarding School and Deaconess Home...	Miss FISHER and Miss WOODS.
„ Zenana Work and Village Schools.....	Miss MASKELL.
	Mrs. HOLLISTER, on leave to America.
	Mrs. BUTTRICK, on leave to England.
	Mrs. ROSS DE SOUZA, on leave.

GODAVERY DISTRICT.

District Work.....	Mrs. GILDER.
Drug.....	To be supplied.
Jagdalpur.....	Supplied by Miss KEESS.
Raipur.....	Miss E. L. HARVEY.
Sironcha.....	Missionary to be supplied.
„ Girls' Orphanage, School, and Widows' Home...	To be supplied.
Yellandu.....	Mrs. WARD.

HYDERABAD DISTRICT.

Hyderabad—City Schools and Zenana Work.....	Miss WOOD.
„ Boarding School.....	Miss EVANS.
„ English Work.....	Mrs. GROSE.
„ Hindustani Work.....	Mrs. GROSE.
Secunderabad—Vernacular Work.....	Miss WOOD.
Vikarabad—School and Village Work.....	Miss WELLS.
„ Woman's Work.....	Mrs. GARDEN.

MADRAS DISTRICT.

Madras—Boys' Orphanage and Vernacular Work.....	Mrs. RUDISILL.
„ Deaconess Home, Zenana Work, Girls' Orphanage, Schools and Evangelistic Work.....	Miss STEPHENS, Superinten- dent; Miss D'JORDON, Miss YOUNG, and Miss Z. DOYLE, Probationary Deaconesses.
„ Royapuram.....	Mrs. TINDALE.
„ Vepery, English.....	Mrs. SHAW.

RAICHUR DISTRICT.

Raichur—Boarding School and Evangelistic.....	Miss CARVER.
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Reports of Presiding Elders.

GODAVERY DISTRICT.

On behalf of the absent Presiding Elder I have the pleasure to report as follows :—

I took charge of the district from Bro. Gilder the first week in May last. Miss E. L. Harvey having consented to act as treasurer for the district, I have had simply the supervision of the work. The size of the district precludes the organization of a District Conference. It requires about 600 miles travel to go from Raipur to Yellandu. The distances from Raipur to Jagdalpur, Jagdalpur to Sironcha, Sironcha to Yellandu, are respectively, 184, 172, 120 miles. Our railways are yet to come. Since taking charge of the district I have been twice over the work and have held two quarterly Conferences at each point.

RAIPUR.—Owing to the broken and the continued ill-health of Bro. Gilder, and his later thus necessitated leave, the work at Raipur and Drug, has been subjected to a very trying ordeal it was at this early stage ill able to endure. This year many trying vicissitudes have attended all steps toward progress. Out of eleven workers on May first, four unworthy men had to be farewelled. I hope however we have struck bottom. Two good workers have been added, and some readjustments made. But most needed and best of all, the Lord has sent us Bro. Arthur, L. Richards and wife. Bro. Richards is the son of an honored primitive Methodist local preacher and his wife is a mission worker not new to our work in India. Their coming to Raipur has saved the work from prospective disaster. He has hold enough of the Hindi to be able to supervise the work and is the making of a good missionary.

The work at Raipur and Drug may be grouped under church, orphan, school colporteur and evangelistic fields. We are fortunate in having our own church edifice, a memorial to the late Mrs. Gilder. By the generous aid of the Missionary Pence Association we have a commodious orphanage for the accommodation of 60 orphan boys. Through the generous help of Miss Mullins we have the Mullins' Memorial School Building.

Jhundu Singh is the faithful and capable pastor of the church. Sunday congregations are from 120 to 150, made up largely from the inmates of the orphanages and the widows' home with the mission workers. There is here the nucleus of a fine church that will soon tax the capacity of the present church building. Till another arrangement can be made the pastor must be the manager of the orphanage, with his good wife to help him. This greatly limits his time for evangelistic work for which he has both gifts and spirit. We have in the orphanage 55 promising boys for which we have much reason to be thankful. We shall be lame here till we begin to get workers from among these boys. On this orphanage must be bestowed our best spiritual care and prayer.

There were three village schools on the field. The one at Kumarhi, five miles out has nearly doubled its strength this year. It was once boycotted on account of the singing, praying, and religious instruction. The boycott failed, and the school with an attendance of 35 is well worthy the name of a christian school, though all scholars are non-christian. It is however a grief to me, that local preacher, Mangal Singh, though a good teacher, a splendid preacher, is buried up in that school when he ought to be outranging the field as an evangelist. The school in Bhatagaon has yet to begin a career of much usefulness. We own a suitable school building but the school is very small. Here till recently another good preacher was buried. He has been exhumed. The Dhemur Taloa school went up recently with the collapse of the teacher. Our greatest apparent loss is that of Rs. 1,110 in the repairs of an old building in which the school was held. The orphanage school purely for the orphans, is held in the Mullins' Memorial, with one teacher, though there should be another, and is doing good work. A number of the boys are now in the 3rd standard. The daily readings for the Sunday school lessons furnish the base for the religious instruction in all these schools.

There are three colporteurs on the Raipur and Drug work. Timid, and not well trained in the arts of address and selling, these men have not done very good work till recently. Bro. Richards and I gave some time to going out with them and setting them an example of how to do it, and the last three months' record is better. Half the work of the entire year has been done in the last three months. They are waking up to their heretofore unrealized ability under right methods. They are now making long tours with rare success, and opening the way for the preachers to follow up many a token for good.

Evangelistic work as yet, is very inadequately prosecuted. Some of the workers did not feel that they could do bazaar preaching in Raipur town; but in June a beginning was made, and has been regularly kept up ever since. It has been a blessing to the workers and we trust the source of good to some of the many hundreds of hearers. With the utter inadequacy of the staff of workers but little has been possible in the way of pastoring the converts baptized in 1900 and 1901. They are widely scattered. The result could not be otherwise than disastrous. How much we have lost I cannot say. I know we have lost some, simply because unable to take care of them. This is a sad note to make but truth demands the statement. I have not revised the list of names. They are in the grip of famine again, and are coming back. Bro. Gilder's ill-health prevented his doing much evangelistic work for many months before he left. It is not possible yet with so small a staff of workers. But I do not know if we have a worker now who does not preach Christ as he goes. Six more men are most emergently needed for this field. As soon as they can be found they will be put to work. Bro. and Sister Richards have taken hold well, and he will soon be able to preach in Hindi and longs to get out and at it.

There have been sixty-five baptisms this year. The entire work crippled as it has been, is in every way looking up, and we are greatly

encouraged to look for better things for the year to come. The W. F. M. S. is doing a most important and successful work. Miss Harvey with her three assistants and ten native helpers is doing a splendid work in the orphanage, widow's home, school, and evangelistic fields among the women of the town and villages. Miss Harvey has secured valuable property and no doubt will soon have the W. F. M. S. work well housed as it needs to be. The little help the Parent Society has as yet given this field has almost courted defeat; but the ladies have done much to save the whole situation. Miss Harvey deserves our hearty thanks for the unselfish service she has freely given the whole work at Raipur since Bro. and Sister Gilder left the station last May.

SIRONCHA.—The entire work at Sironcha belonging to both the Parent Society and the W. F. M. S., has been most of the year past entirely under the charge of Bro. Benjamin Luke. Bro. Luke has proven himself equal to the extraordinary responsibilities suddenly thrown upon him. Emergencies make men, has been verified in the case of this good brother. But this double charge has prevented his doing any evangelistic work outside of the town the entire year. The nature of the W. F. M. S. work has demanded his presence on the premises night and day. I have discovered that he is a splendid business man, painstaking, careful as to all accounts, devoted to his work and impartial in his management of others. His management of interests and workers there this year demonstrates his executive ability and tactful leadership. The Parent Society has a small orphanage with ten boys in charge of a good teacher I was able recently to send there. In the same school with these orphans are some Christian and village boys making a nice little christian school of over twenty scholars. There is also one village school with an enrollment of fifteen boys and girls in the Madiga part of the town. The teacher though a christian, needs a spiritual transformation, or there must ere long be a change. There are two colporteurs, both local material, who have done a year of splendid work. They have made long tours in every direction from Sironcha and have made a good record in sales and evangelistic work. Both of them have gathered fire as they have gone on during the year, and are urgent in their plea for more colporteurs for the year to come. There have been eight baptisms in Sironcha this year, and all the fruit of Bro. Luke's work. The Church is in good condition. Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues are doing most efficient work. On a recent visit I saw Bro. Luke take fourteen into full membership in a way they will never forget I hope. Bro. Luke is a good pastor of the flock. After the death of Miss Fuller, Misses Murray and Ward remained in charge of the W. F. M. S. work, but in March they handed over charge to Bro. Luke. There is an orphanage with thirteen girls and a widows' home and eight widows with two little children. The orphan girls have with them over twenty village girls in the day school. There is here one teacher I sent there for that work in August, but at least two more teachers are needed. The whole work of the W. F. M. S. under Bro. Luke's charge is in good condition. Since May last Bro. and Sister Luke have lived on the W. F. M. S. premises, and have given the care of the girls and women their closest attention and protection. The property too has been all

kept in good order. Of necessity the work among the women of the town has been discontinued since the young ladies left the station.

Bro. Luke has reduced the expenses of the orphanages of both societies, and at the same time increased the efficiency of the good being done to the boys and girls and widows. But I regret to add that this W. F. M. S. charge has made it impossible for Bro. Luke to leave the station to attend Conference. The whole work at Sironcha has advanced this year. The pastor reports that every member of the church now gives something. The financial record of this little Church is good indeed. Plans are maturing for opening work in Maddur forty-four miles on the road to Bastar and in Chinur in the Nizam's Dominions in the year before us.

Sironcha most urgently calls for the services of a married missionary and for two ladies of the W. F. M. S. There are the homes ready for them. Where are the missionaries? An opening and promising work cries: Who will come?

JAGDALPUR.—It is ten years since I first saw Jagdalpur. These years have a record of trial and triumph to which this report cannot do justice. I have just returned from an eighteen days' visit there. I am not able to do justice either to the work done or the prospects before us.

The work is evangelistic, colportage, orphanage, and industrial. All departments are fortunate in being well manned. The smile of God has been upon the work this year. The Church has received a gracious change and uplift. There have been some sixty additions; forty-two have been received into full membership, fifty-seven have been baptized.

Our force of workers has been greatly augmented by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our local converts and orphans. There has come a widespread spirit of inquiry upon many people. Besides those I have recently baptized, there are forty families under instruction, who are importunately asking for baptism, and pleading for instruction. We feel the need of proceeding cautiously, trying to teach them what it means to be christian. I have visited every christian family but two in the scattered villages in their homes. We have christians in eighteen villages and enquirers in as many more. I have been amazed at the improvement in their whole condition since they became christian. Many of them are seeing prosperity now, they never knew before. Several times I was told by the unconverted neighbors that the christians had better rice crops this year than their neighbors. Improvement in moral and religious life is very marked as it ought to be. It is coming to be understood that our people do not drink, keep the Sabbath and are honest. An unfaithful brother is soon told on. On my last visit I baptized forty-six persons. But the number of those begging for baptism is not less than two hundred souls at the present time and the number continually increases. Three or four years ago I baptized a poojari about forty years of age. For twelve years he had travelled the country far and near, singing his Oriya songs from palmyra leaf books, and

making disciples as he could and getting a good living. Since Bin Bagat became a christian, he has led more than fifty persons to Christ. The old poojari that taught Bin Bagat, gave me all his idols and bell last year, but did not come out as he should do and confess Christ. But the other day Ayub Hastu received baptism tottering towards his grave, at the age of seventy years, took a stock of books and has gone out to tramp for Jesus as long as his strength will permit. At the home of Bin Bagat on the 27th of November, I baptized another poojari who for more than forty years has gone about the country with his brass horn doing pooja for those who would have his services. I have the horn he has used all these years. We have had to re-adjust our forces and set apart Bin Bagat and Siva Charan the converted cripple, for the special instruction of the converts and inquirers. A glorious time is coming for Bastar. We have four colporteurs in the field, who range far and wide. They are the forerunners of our work in Bastar, and as now arranged, four preachers follow up every promising thing they report.

Four Bible-women now work among the women of the town and adjacent hamlets with such encouragement that they cannot enter all doors open to them. The more they go out the more they are invited, and thus the work spreads. Three of them are from our orphan institution gathered in 1897, and one a benefaction from Pandita Ramabhai. The whole four are under the guidance and instruction of Miss Kees. They have at present the women of some sixty homes under regular visitation.

God has blessed me in sending my son William Taylor to be a Missionary at Jagdalpur. I have placed him in charge of all church and evangelistic work there. The spiritual condition of the Church is greatly improved. They now muster two bands of ten each for bazaar preaching on Sundays. Brother Plumley in charge of one, and Will. in charge of the other. The fruit of this bazaar preaching is becoming more and more manifest. Superciliousness has given way to seriousness, and carelessness to no little spirit of inquiry. The coming of the Holy Spirit to so many in the Church has given us many tongues to speak the things of God.

The Boys' Orphanage and the Industrial work are in charge of Brother Plumley who has rare talents for this work. His heart is in it and God is with him. Mrs. Plumley and Eraya and wife are his seconds in this work. Miss Kees has given two years of unselfish service to the care of the Girls' Orphanage. Divine blessing is on our ninety orphans here, and those in charge of them.

Financially the work is doing well. Our workers all pay tithes. The orphans and village christians are saving a small handful of rice from their daily food for the Lord. We are thus trying to find a line where every christian may be found giving *something* and that *regularly*.

Our work here is polyglot of twenty-two workers, seven work in Oriya, six more are studying it, and the rest may be called Hindi workers.

We now have in this field nearly two hundred and fifty christians and have under appointment for the year to come twenty-four workers.

God has been good to Bastar this year and we reap in the industrial part of our work more than Rs. 1,000 of rice alone.

We are fortunate in having our own buildings, now in good order, put up to last. A weaving shed is soon to be completed and we still search with hope and success so far, for living water. We have conquered our way through seas of difficulties down one hundred and thirty feet and hope water is not far away. A good find of water will add at a stroke many thousands to the value of our property.

The coming of my son Will. to this field has wonderfully helped us out. He is now able to preach a little both in Hindi and Telugu and God is with him.

YELLANDU.—The work at Yellandu has gone on as usual, sharing with all the rest of the District in the Lord's blessing. We have widened our sphere of labour a little by placing two workers in Mankota on the line thirty-two miles toward Secunderabad. They have had much success there, though there have been no baptisms. They have preached the Gospel in some fifty villages, and have sold over two thousand portions of Scripture. The Lord has recently set his seal of favour on this Mankota work by putting it into the heart of a brother, new to us, to buy us a needed home for the workers there.

In Yellandu, Bro. Nursaya has done good faithful work as pastor of the Church, preaching in the bazaar and in adjacent villages, conducting some village Sunday school work, supervising the day school, and all the general oversight of colporteurs and Church interests. In May last he was called upon to part with his faithful and helpful wife. Her life and work was a benediction to the whole Church, and her value was not known till she was taken away from us.

The work of colportage has been the best in all our history. It has covered more ground, recorded more sales, and compassed more in results than we have ever hitherto seen in this work. Our day school continues to prosper. We had to put on three teachers this year. The highest class is the fifth standard. The Headmaster, Penchalaya, has done good christian work here, and besides has helped us in all the work of the Church and in the bazaar preaching.

The Bible-women's work has grown greatly this year, and is spreading its gracious influence beyond the limits of Yellandu to near by villages. When Erama died in May last, my wife thought her right hand was gone in this work. But the Lord has so blessed others that she has now nearly double the force she then had. She now has six women employed with the most cheering results, in this work in Yellandu and in Mankota, just making the beginnings of work there. These Bible-women have, in addition to their meetings with women, sold over 1,000 portions of Scripture in the last six months. Some three hundred houses are open to them, and the women there are now hearing the Gospel of Christ. More than five hundred women come weekly under the influence of these Bible-women.

A site has been granted by the H.D.C. Ltd. and in God's good time my wife hopes to see in Yellandu a Memorial Hospital for women and children at a cost of perhaps Rs. 9,000.

The baptisms at Yellandu this year are six. Here we sorely need a Missionary and a Lady Doctor. We maintain our record financially but ought to do more. The blessing of the Lord has been on our industrial work, and yet we cannot earn enough for this rapidly spreading work. But God is with us and we take courage.

In conclusion I sum up a little of the work of the year and leave the rest for the statistics to tell.

An important part of the work of Godavery District during the year past has been done by twelve colporteurs, supported by the National Bible Society of Scotland. These humble workers have sold nearly twelve thousand portions of the word of God and made more openings for us than we can follow up. There are not wanting many evidences that this scattering of the Scriptures and the initial preaching done by the colporteurs is being greatly owned of the Lord in opening up the field for us. Its influence is most sensibly felt on our entire christian community.

We have on the district now thirteen Sunday schools with about six hundred scholars, fourteen class meetings, and four Senior Epworth Leagues, and four Junior Leagues all doing work of great spiritual value to the entire christian community. In our orphanages we have two hundred and forty boys and girls of great promise to the work in the near future. From these already have come forth some of our very best workers.

We began the year with fifty-three workers on the district. We end it with seventy, and places for twelve more as soon as we can get them in. We have to praise the Lord that the number of christians now in the district exceeds last year's total over a hundred. There are now on the district more than four hundred inquirers. We are unable to provide adequate instruction for them all. There has been a most gracious spiritual quickening at every point on the district. The Holy Spirit has made workers of some we never dared to think of as such. My own spirit has been richly watered. I have felt as never before in my life a joyful constraint of love to press upon all our christians and workers the privilege of a thorough conversion witnessed by the Spirit, of being cleansed from all sin breeding depravity by the blood of Jesus Christ, of being perfected in the love of God, and walking in the fellowship and comfort of the Holy Spirit. The week of prayer was observed at each point on the district with much real spiritual blessing to our people and the work.

Another item I have felt led to press closely on our people and workers, namely that of giving. It is painful to me to see men and women in the pay of the mission giving nothing or perhaps a pice per rupee. Unless our workers are examples of giving, the converts will be no better as a rule. As for myself, I will employ no man or woman who does not willingly undertake to pay tithes of all they receive and set a clean example before all men. We are responsible for seeing our

workers decently paid, and just as much so to see that they shall honor God with what they get and not pervert our beginnings with young converts in this respect.

Our whole field is uncommonly free from opposing elements. The Satnami of Raipur district, the Brahmin forsaken Hindu and the accessible aboriginee of Bastar are open to us as few such large sections of people anywhere in India are ripe for the Gospel. Our whole field is one of peculiar promise. It is an open challenge to christian faith and devotion. Perhaps this empire does not present elsewhere to Methodism such an appeal and promise as is before us. Though without a single rupee from the Missionary Society for the work this year, the Lord has not left His work uncared for. Special funds have been raised up so that we have been able to keep all work going and advance somewhat. We toil under oppressing limitations, and day and night cry unto God who hath led us into this field, that he would send us reinforcements of men, women, and money for this truly great work.

The work of this district is far greater than it is possible for our friends to appreciate. We have laid broad plans and it may take us twenty years to fill in the details. But we are thankful to God for a field where such plans are possible. Our needs and possibilities are greater than the credulity of this Conference can endure. But God is leading on to victory. Faithful to God, within the life-time of some here to-day there will be a hundred thousand christians within the bounds of the Godavery District. Can we but have help so much needed, of men, women, and money, we shall see five thousand christians within the next five years.

I praise God that at the close of twenty-five years in India I stand on the threshold of such a prospect as greets my eyes in this district to-day.

C. B. WARD,
Ag. Presiding Elder.

HYDERABAD DISTRICT.

In July, when Brother King left for America, I was appointed by Bishop Warne to take charge of the district till Conference. I found all regular work completed up to date. It was evident everywhere that the district had been administered by one who knew, and conscientiously did, his work. We sincerely hope that before another year rolls round we may have the joy of welcoming Brother King back to his place among us.

I have made one round and held the fourth Quarterly Conferences. The first circuit visited was Bidar, a city beautiful for situation and the Government headquarters of the Bidar district. The distance from Gulbarga is seventy miles which I made in a bullock cart at the rate of two miles an hour. Brother Cook is in charge of this circuit. I found him busy ministering, like his Master, to both the souls and bodies of the people. He has no institution to tie him to one place and is, therefore;

free to give his whole time to evangelistic work, an enviable position in these days of missionary institutions of all sorts. He, with his two workers, is systematically preaching in all the villages for eight or ten miles round Bidar. With the assistance of his magic lantern crowds are drawn to see and hear. Brother Cook has made a new departure in this line of work. Before he will give an exhibition in a village, he requires the people to raise a certain sum of money. This insures an attentive and interested audience, affords some financial help in the work and tends to avoid leaving the false impression that we are rich people and that they are to have everything absolutely free. In and around Bidar there is a christian community of ninety-four souls. The majority of these live in a village very near the city. During the year there has been a spirit of disaffection among the christians of this village and a good deal of talk about going back into caste, but no actual move has yet taken place. I visited the Sunday school held there at which there were more adults than children. I was much pleased as well as surprised to find that three or four of the men and still more of the women were able to join in the reading of the lesson. Afterwards they answered the questions in such a manner as to show that they have a good knowledge of the way of salvation. In the afternoon I preached to quite a number of the people of the same village, and it has very seldom been my lot in India to preach to a more inspiring audience. At the close of the service I called for short voluntary prayers and there were eight or ten of them in quick succession. When we consider the fact that a number of the children of these people are in our boarding schools and some of these are bright christians, and the fact that the people themselves have been well instructed for years, I think the danger of their lapsing into heathenism is very small. What is needed to set them entirely right is a revival of pure religion. May the Lord send it speedily.

HYDERABAD.—Here we carry on our work in the English, Telugu, Hindustani and Marathi languages.

The English Work.—In spite of three very severe attacks of malarial fever this year, Brother Grose has stood bravely by the English work. The Sunday congregations keep up to an average of about two hundred. The weekly prayer meetings average ninety and the class meetings twenty-five. The benevolences have been raised in full as also the amount assessed for ministerial support. If this Church were to raise one-fifth more than it does, it would be entirely self-supporting. Improvements in the way of additions to furniture, etc., to the value of Rs. 500 have been made during the year. A number of the members of this Church also assist financially in the native work of the city. There is a flourishing Sunday school of over a hundred scholars in connection with this Church.

Vernacular Work.—Since Brother King's departure, Brother Grose has been in charge of the evangelistic work. Brother Harris, a native member of Conference, with two assistants carries on regular street preaching, house-to-house visitation and tract distribution. There are eight Sunday schools with an enrollment of two hundred scholars.

The City school is now in charge of Brother Parker. Mr. S. Paul, B.A., is the efficient Head Master. The enrollment of the school is at present one hundred and thirty-four, of whom about twelve per cent. are Mahommedans and the rest Hindus of various castes. The monthly expense of the school is Rs. 230. The fees amount to about Rs. 60 per mensem, the Government grant is Rs. 75 and that from the Missionary Society is Rs. 50, leaving about Rs. 45 a month to be provided by the P. E. in any way he may devise. The Scriptures are taught to the higher classes in English and about one-third of the boys attend the Sunday school held in the same building. This school greatly needs a building and an endowment. It is situated in the heart of the great city of Hyderabad and together with a school carried on by the W. F. M. Society, constitutes the only mission agency in the walled city. Here is an opportunity to make this agency permanent for time to come. Five thousand dollars for buildings and ten thousand dollars for an endowment would place the school on a good basis for the present.

The work of the W. F. M. Society has been in charge of Misses Wood and Wells. Miss Wood has charge of the Zenana work and city schools. The four Bible-women under her carry on their work in twelve different neighbourhoods, visiting about one hundred houses. All castes are visited. There are four girls' schools, one of which is in the walled city. The Bible is taught in all the schools and on Sundays they are taught in Sunday schools. In the three Mahommedan schools the girls eagerly learn the Golden Texts.

The Anglo-Vernacular Girls' Boarding School is in charge of Miss Wells. There are now seventy-five girls enrolled, consisting of Christians, Hindus and Mahommedans. Some of the latter are from the walled city and are in the school as boarders learning the Scriptures and christian hymns. Who can tell whereunto this leaven may spread in that great city? The story of Pulmani which was told to me while there, sets one thinking of the possibilities in this line. Pulmani was a native girl who came to school at first as a servant to two Eurasian girls. She used to study as she had opportunity. She afterwards lost her place as servant and became herself a pupil in the school. While there she was converted and baptized. After this she was accustomed to reading her Bible in her home to her people and was finally the means of the whole family of nine persons becoming christians. She died a few months ago in her home and her last words were "Mother, I am going in a little while, God is calling me." We are glad to welcome Miss Evans back to India and to this district.

SECUNDERABAD.—This is a military cantonment four miles from Hyderabad. We have an English Church and congregation here of which Brother Parker is the Pastor. He has been instant in season and out of season and has had the joy of seeing souls saved and the Church much revived. The number of English and Vernacular tracts given out during the year is estimated at ten thousand. There are two English Sunday schools in this charge with sixteen officers and teachers and one hundred and fifty-eight scholars. Brother Parker is making good progress in the language, being able, after a little over

a year's study, to conduct a weekly vernacular service in his house. He has one native worker who does some street preaching besides selling Scriptures and distributing tracts.

VIKARABAD.—This is the headquarter of a large and promising Telugu circuit in charge of Brother Garden. The work has been carried from two centers; *viz.*, Vikarabad and Tandur. In the former place there is a Boys' Boarding school with twenty-seven boarders and eleven day scholars. The school is in a better condition than ever before. Owing to the insufficiency of funds for the support of the school, the Preacher in charge has been compelled to resort to a variety of expedients in order that the school may in the future become self-supporting. For this purpose an industrial department has been organized and a farm of thirty acres adjoining the Mission premises has been secured on most reasonable terms, and farming, gardening and poultry-raising, in all of which the boys are made to labour, have made some progress.

Evangelistic work has been regularly carried on. The Preacher in charge writes of this department of the work:—"Twenty converts have been baptized during the year and the spiritual condition of the christian community has, we believe, considerably improved. Quite a large number of probationers who have been carried for years without apparent spiritual growth have been dropped. On the whole we see reasons to expect in the near future a true revival that will bring thousands of these people to Christ. It seems to be upon us. We believe it is as a result of such a revival that in the two weeks preceding Conference ten persons who have long been in touch with our christian community were baptized. We eagerly look for a continuation of the work as soon as Conference adjourns."

Support is needed on this circuit for a number of preachers. From forty to eighty dollars will support a man for a year. Here is an opportunity for persons who cannot come themselves to preach the Gospel through others and that too at small cost. Let any who wish to help in this work communicate with Rev. A. B. Leonard, 150, Fifth Ave., New York City.

The Hyderabad District has an area of over 9,000 square miles and a population of nearly 1,500,000 accessible people; and yet there are only four missionaries of the General Society and three of the W. F. M. Society. If there were twice this number, each would still have a parish of over 600 square miles and 100,000 parishioners. May the Lord of the harvest send forth laborers into his harvest.

D. O. ERNSBERGER,
Ag. Presiding Elder.

MADRAS DISTRICT.

J. B. BUTTRICK, *Presiding Elder.*

The year just closed has been the most trying one financially that the District has heretofore experienced. The year opened with financial conditions such as would, in the secular world, paralyse business

and depress and discourage those engaged in it. But our work has not been paralysed, neither have we as workers been either depressed or discouraged. For the work is God's, and "we are workers together with Him." Hence if ever a tribute of praise to Him, "whose we are and whom we serve," was in order, it is manifestly so in this report. We have again been taught, and have well learned the truth, that the springs of our work are not in silver and in gold, but in God. He has not only kept the work alive, but in some parts of the District He has given it a stability, a fruitfulness, and a hopefulness, such as it has not enjoyed before.

In reviewing the work we naturally refer first of all to what is the oldest phase of our work in the South India Conference, *viz.*, *English work*. When the now sainted William Taylor was led to organize English Churches in Madras and in Bangalore, he had in mind the idea, that these Churches would be agencies through which to reach and to aid in evangelizing the non-christian multitudes speaking the vernaculars of the land. Any one conversant with the history of these Churches must acknowledge that this original idea has been but partially realized. And yet our English Churches in these two cities have not by any means been failures. They have in the past fulfilled, and are to-day fulfilling a Divine commission in ministering the truth as it is in Jesus to the domiciled European community, who, in the eyes of non-christians, represent the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. Building up these Churches numerically is difficult work, in view of the shifting character of the European and Eurasian community in India. And yet at the same time herein lies one of their principal opportunities to widen their influence, and to bring spiritual good to the greater number. Both in Bangalore and in Madras faithful and effective work has been done during the year. A candidate for the ministry comes before this Conference from our English work in Bangalore. It is also of interest to note that the Epworth League of our Vepery English Church has commenced genuine and direct mission operations in the form of school work amongst Christ's little ones living in Christless homes in one of the *Parcheries* of Madras. The Conference year closed in Madras with every indication of a deep and extensive revival of spiritual religion. On both the Royapuram and Vepery circuits souls are being awakened, and are being led to Christ.

The main purpose of Missions to India is, as we all know, to preach the Gospel of God to, and to save the Christless multitudes who constitute the indigenous population of this Empire. Hence *Vernacular evangelistic work* has, as it ought, occupied the chief place in our thoughts, and prayers, and service. And yet the one oppressive feeling on my heart to-day is, how little is being done compared with our opportunities. This District is emphatically a *Polyglot* district. Day by day the word of Life is spoken in at least *five* different languages, *viz.*, Kanarese, Telugu, Tamil, Hindustani, and English. This tends to make our work one of difficulty where Missionary or Native worker is conversant with but one or two living languages. The vernaculars, especially in this western section of the District, so often overlap, that if we are to preach to, and to teach *every* individual, we must either have more workers in the

different vernaculars, or we must multiply our tongues. But our Native force is not numerically strong enough to sufficiently man every station where our work has taken hold. Then again we have no Missionary on the Kanarese and more extensive side of the District who is wholly given up to evangelistic work. All over the District human souls are accessible, and everywhere give respectful attention to the loving presentation of the Gospel. The attitude of the people in some parts of the District is so changed from what it was, not many years ago, opposition having given place to sympathetic listening, that our Native preachers as well as we Missionaries, discern the working of the Holy Spirit, and so are greatly cheered and strengthened in faith. In one Circuit not far from the seat of Conference it is notorious that the influence of the Gospel, and the testimony of christian lives, have so far prevailed as to cause some to cease the worship of idols, and to abandon many of their evil habits of life. Our Lord and Master said: "The Kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened." The leaven is at work. Of this there is not the shadow of a doubt. But in the Madras Presidency the power of the land-owner, and in the Mysore Province the enthralling dominion of caste are the influences which have so far withstood the effective operation of the Holy Spirit in human souls, and have prevented the large ingatherings of converts for which we pray and work and look. There is no Protestant Mission in the Mysore Province, and some Missions have been here for more than three parts of a century, which has yet seen what we call a 'break' in the ranks of heathenism. But we labor in the full assurance of hope that the 'break' is on its way. Year by year baptisms are taking place in ones, and twos, and threes. These are the drops. But for the *showers* we plead! Our recent District Conference gave evidence of there being a unanimity of mind, and heart, and yearning, and purpose in this direction amongst the working force of the District. The prospect is bright. The living Christ shall yet triumph, and be enthroned in the hearts and lives of these millions for whom He died. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." The prayer enjoined with this utterance is still appropriate, and year by year is becoming more urgent, that 'the Lord of the harvest send forth laborers into His harvest.' Missionaries for the one pressing work of itinerating and preaching, in company with our Native workers, in the villages everywhere open to us, is a sore but as yet unsupplied need.

A prominent feature of our work on this District is the *education and training of the young*. We have nearly 1,500 children, boys and girls, in our Boarding Schools, Orphanages, and Day Schools. This small army of impressionable souls is under our influence on six days, and nearly 400 of these also on seven days, in each week. And I feel that we cannot over-estimate our responsibility in regard to them. It is a joy, therefore, to record my belief that every school under our control is a centre of spiritual service and power.

The Baldwin High Schools in Bangalore have, as usual, had a year of successful educational work. Boarders and day scholars have

not increased in numbers, similar conditions, which militate against such increase, prevailing still as prevailed a year ago. The Trustees have set in motion a scheme for improving the property, which we expect to be better adapted to attract boarders than it is as it now stands. The girls' school has received an enhancement of its Government grant, and so is now on a solid financial basis. Most gratefully do I acknowledge the action of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in taking over the girls' school, thus bringing to pass a division of the two schools, and by it consummating a long felt desire and purpose of the Board of Trustees. We anticipate for our Girls' High School in Bangalore a new era of spiritual and every lesser kind of prosperity.

The Kanarese Boys' and Girls' Orphanages at Kolar, and similar institutions for Tamil boys and girls in Madras, have done very valuable work during the year. The spiritual interests of these little ones of Christ's have been prayerfully and carefully fostered, and spiritual work on their behalf has been effective and fruitful. In Kolar earlier in the year, and also since the close of the Conference year in Madras, scores of these young people have confessed Christ in baptism, and have become identified with the Church of Christ.

It is also a cheering feature of our Orphanages that, whilst the soul is nurtured, and the mind is informed and trained, the boys and girls are being taught to work with their hands. The drone is not tolerated. No one eats the bread of idleness. It is inspiring to go through the Publishing House in Madras, and to see the sixty-six boys of Mrs. Rudisill's Orphanage busily employed in the various departments of the Press. It is also inspiring to go through the workshops, and over the fields in and about Kolar here, and see the ninety boys of Bro. Hollister's Orphanage busy here and there in a variety of ways. Such training pays both the Mission and the individual boy concerned. Dr. Rudisill reports his boys as "apt to learn." And it is most interesting to see the exceedingly skilful way in which one of Bro. Hollister's famine orphans from Gujerat, reels the silk from the silk-worm cocoon.

This leads me to make mention of *Industrial* operations on the District. These are essential to the speedy solution of the problem of self-support. With gratitude to God, who is in the industrial work just as surely as He is in the evangelistic work, I gladly report that His manifest blessing rests upon this phase of Mission work both in Kolar and in Madras.

That industries amount to something in KOLAR is evident to all of us by the building in which we are assembled for Conference. This Institute was designed and its erection directed by the Missionary in charge, Bro. Hollister. Christian masons and laborers wrought in its construction. The wood work in roof, doors, windows, and other parts of the building was fashioned in Mission workshops. Just here, most appropriately, I may interject the statement that our christian community here has contributed largely to its cost. To quote the Missionary's own words, "a blessed uplift has come to many this year in the fact that their sacrifices have had much to do with the erection of a substantial and commodious Church or Institute." This edifice there-

fore is a standing testimony to the value of the carpentry, masonry, and blacksmithing departments of these industries. Extensive farming operations are also carried on, the fruitfulness of which depends most largely upon favourable seasons. Seri-culture also is becoming an important department of work. God has given such prosperity to the Industrial Department of work in Kolar this year, that it has succeeded in supporting the nearly one hundred boys in the Orphanage. The future is also bright with hope. We are greatly cheered by the knowledge that God is calling a young consecrated layman from America to this work. We are expecting this directly providential supply of a real need to mean more than I can now express, both to our industrial and to our evangelistic work in this region, and a most hearty welcome awaits the brother on his arrival on the field of toil.

In MADRAS the Publishing House, under Dr. Rudisill's control, is continuing its prosperous career. This year a type-foundry and some other features have been added to the many other branches of work, which combine to make up one of the best equipped Presses to be found in the Eastern world. It may truthfully be said to be now on a firmer basis for profitable working, and for sending forth widely felt influences for good, than at any previous period of its history. It is a self-supporting institution, supporting the Missionary Agent in charge, and also a good proportion of the boys in the Tamil Orphanage.

Again it is my joy to report that the work of the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY has been faithfully and successfully carried on in Bangalore, Kolar, and Madras. God has honoured the work of His handmaidens in all their many-sided work. The baptisms reported from the Vepery Tamil Circuit in Madras are all the fruit of the labours of the Deaconess Home Workers. Adult baptisms have also occurred here in Kolar through the Society's Lady Missionaries. These statements prove how valuable an agency this society is in the work of the District. I am sure I voice the feeling of the entire Board of Trustees of the Baldwin High Schools, in expressing sincere appreciation of the welcome fact that a Lady Missionary is now to be sent to Bangalore. In this important centre the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, as well as that of the Parent Board, ought to be strongly entrenched.

And so another year of service for our beloved Lord and Master has passed. It has been fruitful, but not as abundantly so as either He or we have desired. "Looking to Jesus" we go forward hopefully. The cloud, even though it be but as large as a man's hand, is in the heavens, and the eye of faith sees it. The revival spirit is abroad. It voiced itself in the recent Decennial Conference at Madras. We fully expect this District to participate in the showers of salvation, when the cloud has enlarged and broken.

RAICHUR DISTRICT.

D. O. ERNSBERGER, *Presiding Elder*.

As I called to mind "the multitude of His tender mercies" during the past year I could think of no more fitting introduction to my report than a quotation from the 103rd Psalm: "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies;.....Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear HimBless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominions: bless the Lord, O my soul."

The work of the District is carried on from four centres and seven sub-circuits and out-stations. The centres are Gulbarga, Kopbal, Raichur and Shorapur. While Wondalli remains in the list of appointments, no work is carried on there at present. In Hatti Camp, eight miles from Wondalli, where gold mining operations are going on, we have a self-supporting Exhorter who conducts Sunday worship for about a score of christians who are working in the mines. We must have a centre somewhere in that region ere long. A circuit as fruitful as Shorapur could be developed there in a few years.

GULBARGA.—Here Bro. Ozanne is in charge. He has been devoting himself largely to the superintendence of the Boys' Boarding School and the study of the Kanarese language. In the study of the language he has made commendable progress. Under him and Bro. Maigur, the junior preacher and headmaster, the school has made good progress during the year and we hope it may be recommended for a Government grant at the next inspection which will be in January. I am greatly pleased with the spiritual condition of the school. A number of the boys have been truly converted and those who were converted before have been led to a higher life during the past year. The spiritual atmosphere of the school is truly inspiring. At our last District Conference we sent out into the work three young men, the first fruits of this school. There are others who will be ready within the next year. We have great hopes of these boys who have been brought up among us and have been grounded in the word of God and in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Brothers Ozanne and Maigur are out and out Methodists and the boys catch their spirit, and best of all, they receive the Holy Spirit into their hearts. While things go on thus we shall have very few heretics among our graduates. Village preaching has been carried on so far as other work would permit.

KOPBAL.—This circuit has been without a Missionary all this year. I have given as much time to the work there as other duties would permit, but the work has been sadly neglected. We have four schools in the circuit, three of which are in a good condition for village schools. Though the Scriptures, catechism and christian hymns are taught, the schools are very popular among the people. The enrollment of the

three best schools exceeds one hundred and fifty pupils nearly all of whom are non-christians, though the teachers are all christians. We continue to draw the Government grant of Halli Sicca Rupees 40 per mensem. If this circuit were properly worked, we should doubtless have fruit as in other circuits. As there seems no hope of getting a Missionary for this circuit in the near future, with the approval of the Finance Committee, permission was asked the home Board to offer it to the Basel Missionary Society. The Board having given their permission, I have proceeded to offer the field and the property to that Mission. If our proposition is accepted, we shall be relieved of a responsibility which we have assumed, but which we are unable to discharge.

RAICHUR.—This is the headquarters of the District. In this circuit there are two sub-circuits in which regular evangelistic work has been carried on among the christians as well as among the non-christians by preaching, house-to-house visitation, colportage and Sunday school work. The native Church here and in Wondalli have raised Rs. 114 for ministerial support and benevolences. While I am gratified at the increase in this line I feel that there is not only room for improvement but cause for humiliation as well. Our native congregations must, for their own spiritual and temporal welfare, be urged to greater liberality.

SHORAPUR is in charge of Brother Nanappa Desai. This circuit has two sub-circuits one of which has two regular appointments and the other has seven weekly appointments. Besides these regular appointments there have been a great deal of bazaar and street preaching and everywhere the Word is eagerly listened to. There are seven Sunday schools in the circuit with an enrollment of ninety scholars. For the encouragement of those who carry on Sunday school work from year to year without any visible fruit I should like to relate the following story. Some years ago in one of our Sunday schools in this circuit there was a small boy, the son of a goldsmith. He was a regular attendant and learned the lessons like the other boys. The truth made such an impression upon his mind and heart that he refused to make *puja* to the family gods whereupon his parents tried to compel him, but he still refused. The *guru* of their family used to consecrate a cocoanut and then they would call it god and make *puja* to it. This reverent little Hindu used to eat up the god-cocoanuts and put others in their place. The parents have tried their best to get him married to a Hindu girl and thus entangle him and lessen his chances of breaking away from Hinduism, but he has put them off in one way or another until he has grown to manhood. The Mahomedans too have been after him. They offered him a field and a wife if he would embrace their faith, but he steadfastly refused. The price they would ordinarily have to pay for a wife in the goldsmith caste is Rs. 500 or 600. Just the other day a fellow caste man from a neighbouring village came to this young man's house and offered him his daughter for the small sum of Rs. 100. This was a device to keep him from becoming a christian for the people have known for some time that he had fully made up his mind to become a follower of Jesus Christ. We have offered him nothing but salvation with possible persecution, and yet he is deter-

mined to be a disciple of Jesus. He intends to go on at his trade, earn his own living, and work for God as he may have opportunity. On the 21st instant I had the joy of baptizing this little Sunday school boy, now grown to manhood, and he is now among us at this Conference session. Of course his soul is worth no more than any of the hundreds we have baptized but for the encouragement of Sunday school teachers and because I have watched with interest his development for years, I have related this story. There are others of that same Sunday school who are said to be much interested in this young man and who will probably follow his example ere long.

The W. F. M. Society's work in charge of Miss Carver, is carried on in Raichur, Gulbarga, Shorapur and Kopbal. In Kopbal there is a girls' school with about twenty girls in attendance. In Gulbarga the work is carried on by two Bible-women, and that in Raichur and the sub-circuits by six Bible-women, three of whom are paid and three unpaid. In Shorapur there is one unpaid Bible-woman, the wife of the preacher in charge. The Girls' Boarding School in Raichur is making satisfactory progress both intellectually and spiritually. Nearly all the larger girls and some of the smaller ones testify to a saving knowledge of Christ. The girls recite whole chapters of the Bible from memory. They are being well grounded too in the doctrines of our Church. Our two schools are the hope of our work so far as teachers and preachers are concerned.

In the entire District we have attended seventeen jathres (religious fairs) at which the Gospel was preached to thousands. In one of these fairs on the Shorapur circuit ten of us, five men and five women worked about eight hours a day for four days, preaching and singing the Gospel. The work went on sometimes till midnight and yet there were always some who were willing to stay a little longer. It was truly a wonderful time and who can compute the results?

The outlook is bright. Though we have had only about forty baptisms during the last year it was not because there were no more enquirers ready, but because of our inability to care for any more converts. We are adding to our staff of workers from four to six preachers three of whom have already been sent to their appointments. We hope with this addition to our working force to be able to baptize at least five hundred converts within the next year. So far as I am able to judge, the number we are able to baptize is limited only by our ability to care for them after baptism. It has not been long since we went on our "way weeping bearing forth the seed," weeping because there were none ready to accept Jesus Christ. Now we are weeping tears of mingled joy and sorrow—joy because the seed has sprung up and the fields are white; sorrow, because the harvest is so great and the labourers are so few. With us pray "the Lord of the harvest, that he may send forth labourers into his harvest." Our District Conference was a great blessing to all who attended. Bishop Warne was present in the fullness of the Spirit. His sermons and exhortations, were blessed to the spiritual good of all and his advice on various phases of the work was very helpful.

Needs.—We need a tent in which to hold meetings all over the District among the christians. We have no Churches thus far and a portable one in the form of a tent would be a great help. From \$100 to \$150 would provide all we need in this line.

2. We need a Parsonage in Raichur. There is no house for the Missionary in this promising centre. Two thousand and five hundred dollars would be sufficient to build a Parsonage that would stand for ages. We would be willing to make it a memorial building. Who will contribute this amount and name it?

3. We need the sympathy and prayers of all good people. All are able to contribute these and they are worth more than bags of gold especially if the persons contributing them do not possess the gold.

Reports of Committees.

I.—STATE OF THE CHURCH.

It affords us much pleasure to hear from the various reports the progress of God's work among the several districts of this Conference. The Statistics show an accession to the number of full members of 127 this year, and a larger number of Baptisms than last year by 66. We rejoice in the fact that the Word of God has been preached and the people of God have been led out into the higher truths. We feel more than ever, deeply and most seriously convinced that the class meeting for personal testimony should have endorsement in every charge, and where small communities are residing, the appointment of class leaders should be considered essentially necessary. Prayer circles in every Sunday school, Epworth League, Church and Home should be established, and the Preachers see that this fire of continual prayer is kept aglow.

Looking at the wider interests of the Church, the Committee feel it is a matter that calls for earnest consideration, that more systematic methods are needed in the plan of our Mission work, especially with regard to the development of the several centres which we have been occupying for years, without that development which one would expect from the efforts made. We have not indeed reached the masses in any definite and wholesale manner, while we have had to see other missions occupying territory and covering ground which we have failed to annex. We feel that this matter is most important.

The Committee also regard the future success of our Mission as dependent upon the highest spirituality of all our workers, and would earnestly recommend Preachers in charge and others to meet with their workers and pray unitedly and persistently so that all may be imbued with the Holy Spirit of our blessed Master. Preaching to believers and in our English congregations should ever be pointed, holding up

the glorious doctrine of salvation for the sinner and sanctification, body, soul and spirit for the children of God. Your Committee would also emphasise the great necessity which exists for enforcing the duty of Sabbath observance on all the people coming under our influence and ministry.

J. H. GARDEN.
M. TINDALE.
GEO. GERSHOM.

II.—CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

We are now confronted by conditions which this Board has long foreseen but been powerless to prevent. The Reserve fund which had tided us over the financial stress of the past four years has been reduced in four years from Rs. 1,122 to Rs. 133-12-7. Taking the income from all sources this past year as a basis of our estimate we can look for an income the coming year of only a little more than Rs. 1,000, making with this balance in hand a probable income of Rs. 1,150.

The appropriations and payments for the past year have been Rs. 1,200. The death of our esteemed fellow-labourer, John Narappa, early the past year leaves his widow with three children entirely dependent upon the bounty of this fund.

We recommend that the Treasurer be authorized to distribute aid as follows :

Mrs. T. R. Toussaint	...	...	...	...	Rs. 660
The four youngest children of W. F. G. Curties...					„ 240
Mrs. B. Peters	...	...	...	...	„ 300
Mrs. John Narappa...	...	...	...	...	„ 84

Should unforeseen conditions arise which make this disposition of the fund doubtful to the Treasurer, he shall refer the matter to the Finance Committee and be guided by its decision. If receipts are insufficient to pay these amounts in full the deficiency shall be shared *pro rata* by the claimants.

We trust every Preacher in charge will spare no effort to so increase his collections that these most worthy recipients of our bounty may not suffer.

W. H. HOLLISTER.
R. C. GROSE.
S. MAIGUR.

III.—EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League may be fitly termed the Cadet Corps of the Church. It is being more and more realized daily that to promote healthy loyalty and the spirit of patriotism, not only should the young learn of the greatness of the Empire, and the obligations entailing upon the citizens thereof—but they should also be trained to fitly discharge

those responsibilities. So clear headed a Statesman as Lord Curzon deemed it necessary to organize an Imperial Cadet Corps. Shall the Church of God be less than human government? The Sunday school implants ideas and holds up ideals before the young. The Epworth League helps in developing and attaining unto these.

Believing this, the Board rejoices in the continued usefulness of the League in South India Conference. In the reports of the Presiding Elders it has been shown how helpful the League has been both to the English and Native Church. There was a time when it was thought by many that the League could not be adapted to village work. It is now being demonstrated that there is no more helpful department of work and none more adaptable to the Indian Church. The Board would recommend that the League be introduced, wherever it is not already in operation, especially in connection with village work.

Last year there were ten Senior and fourteen Junior Chapters with a membership of 456 and 660, respectively. This year there are eleven Senior and eleven Junior Chapters with a membership of 554 and 557. It will be noticed that the Senior League has increased by one Chapter and 98 members the Junior League has decreased by three Chapters and 103.

The Board rejoices to learn from the report of the Presiding Elder of the Madras District of the missionary effort being made by the Vepery English Chapter. May this same missionary spirit possess every existing Chapter. The Board would again recommend to all our Churches the organizing of our young people's societies under the name and constitution of the Epworth League, which is the young people's society of our Church. If organized under the name and constitution of any other society, much as we may be in sympathy with them, they cannot so well advance the interests of Christ's Kingdom through the M. E. Church.

With a view to stimulating the work of the Epworth League the Board would suggest to Presiding Elders to arrange for District Conventions, or for an Annual Conference Convention. The Board would also suggest that correspondence be opened with the General Secretary of the League in India with a view to holding the next All-India Convention within the bounds of this Conference.

FAWCETT SHAW.
KARL ANDERSON.
M. TINDALE.
H. G. OZANNE.
S. MAIGUR.
R. C. GROSE.

IV.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Decennial Missionary Conference for all India, Burma, and Ceylon recently convened in Madras emphasized the importance of the careful instruction and training of children and young people.

Next to the home, the Sunday school is the best agency for imparting both by precept and example, the truth of the Bible. Greater care was urged in the selection of teachers. They have the children in Sunday school during their formative, and therefore the most decisive period of life.

Impressions for good or evil are then most easily made and most permanent in their influence.

God assures us that His Word shall not return to him void. No such assurance is given to any merely human word.

Only the Holy Spirit can impart spiritual life, but His chief, if not His only means is the word of truth. As workers together with Him, we are to furnish the minds of the young which He uses in His gracious operations.

We are cheered by the indications of God's blessing in the Sunday schools as evidenced in the reports of the Presiding Elders.

The increase in the statistics is encouraging. Last year there were one hundred and ten Sunday schools. This year one hundred and twenty-six have been reported, or an increase of sixteen schools.

The increase of officers and teachers is fifty.

Of scholars three hundred and sixty-eight, and an increase in the average attendance of officers, teachers, and scholars of two hundred and nine.

We again urge on our workers the use of our denominational publications as the best for Sunday schools in our mission and commend the annual examination of the All India Sunday school Union as a helpful incentive in securing a more careful study of the lessons.

KARL ANDERSON.
H. G. OZANNE.

V.—TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee regret the continued prevalence and increase of the use of intoxicating drinks among the people of this land, and the consequent evils, and would therefore call upon all our Missionaries, Pastors, and people generally to renewed effort in temperance work.

To this end we would again urge upon all the *Recommendations* of the discipline on pages 381, 382. Careful instruction in Church and Sunday school should be given, especially to young converts, and enquirers before they are received on probation. Special care should be taken to make this plain to those coming from other Churches where this matter is not regarded with such anxiety and importance as with us, when they desire to unite with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

We would further urge upon all who have charge of Orphanages, Boarding and Day Schools, etc., to arrange for a systematic course of instruction from a scientific standpoint on this important matter.

We rejoice to notice that there is a growing interest in the cause of Temperance in the Indian Church. At the last Decennial Conference held in Madras the use of strong drink was generally recognized as a threatening danger in the Native Church. It is high time the Church in India should awaken.

A Resolution was adopted by that Conference *nem con*, in which the Conference pledged itself to do its utmost to mitigate these evils and to reduce to their lowest possible limits the traffic in liquor and opium. When it is remembered that this Conference was composed of delegates from every Missionary Society working in India, Burmah, and Ceylon, and that the discussion on the resolution was animated, it may be regarded as a distinct advance in Temperance sentiment, and a triumph for the Temperance cause.

FAWCETT SHAW.
S. MAIGUR
M. L. HARRIS.

VI.—CONFERENCE TREASURER.

1. Conference Claimants' Fund.

(a) Permanent Fund Account.

Dr.	Rs.	A.	P.	Cr.	Rs.	A.	P.
To amount from 1901 ...	3,508	11	0	By amount invested ...	3,320	0	0
				„ Balance in hand ...	188	11	0
Total...	3,508	11	0	Total...	3,508	11	0

(b) General Account.

Dr.	Rs.	A.	P.	Cr.	Rs.	A.	P.
To Balance from 1901 ...	3,810	1	3	By Investments ...	3,320	0	0
„ Book Concern Dividend. ...	217	4	0	„ Payments to Mrs. Tous-			
„ Collections 1902 ...	644	2	6	saint ...	660	0	0
„ Interest ...	178	0	0	„ „ „ Peters. ...	300	0	0
				„ „ „ a/c Curties' ...			
				children ...	240	0	0
Total...	4,849	7	9	„ Balance in hand ...	329	7	9
				Total...	4,849	7	9

2. Educational Fund.

Dr.	Rs.	A.	P.	Cr.	Rs.	A.	P.
To Balance from 1901 ...	1,727	8	11	By Investments ...	1,519	0	0
„ Collections 1902 ...	390	14	0	„ Payments a/c Tous-			
„ Interest ...	110	11	3	saint's children ...	240	0	0
				„ „ „ Curties' ...			
				children ...	240	0	0
Total ...	2,229	2	2	„ Balance in hand ...	230	2	2
				Total ...	2,229	2	2

3. Missionary Fund.

Dr.	Rs.	A.	P.	Cr.	Rs.	A.	P.
To Collections 1902 ...	357	4	0	By amount paid into Society's Treasury ...	357	4	0
Total...	357	4	0	Total...	357	4	0

4. General Conference Expenses.

Dr.	Rs.	A.	P.	Cr.	Rs.	A.	P.
To Balance from 1901 ...	23	0	0	By cash in hand ...	79	4	0
„ Collections 1902 ...	56	4	0				
Total ...	79	4	0	Total ...	79	4	0

J. B. BUTTRICK, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.

December 31st, 1902.

R. C. GROSE.

J. H. GARDEN.

VII.—ILLUSTRATED REPORT.

Your Committee regrets that such slow progress has been made with this Report.

The Press photographers have been prevented on account of protracted sickness, from preparing the illustrations. We hope, however, after Conference to proceed with the work.

A. W. RUDISILL,
for Committee.

VIII.—AUDITING COMMITTEE.

This certifies that we have audited and found correct the following accounts, viz :—

The accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society's Funds for the first three quarters of the current year.

The accounts of the Conference Treasurer for the year, and those of the Treasurer of the W. F. M. S. for the first two quarters of the year.

D. O. ERNSBERGER.
W. H. HOLLISTER.
R. C. GROSE.
J. H. GARDEN.

IX.—BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The past year's statistics declare a further increase in the number of enrolled pupils with an increase also in the number of schools. The advance of enrolled scholars is nearly five hundred while that in the number of schools is only four.

The inspection of schools of all grades within the bounds of our Conference as arranged last year was only carried out by Bro. C. B. Ward on the Godavery District. For reasons of sickness and the like the other Inspectors were unable to go over the territory assigned to them. Reports however show that the schools are conforming as far as possible to the standards laid down and are adopting a specific uniform basis of Scripture teaching, the basis being the daily readings appointed in connection with the International Sunday school Lessons.

BALDWIN SCHOOLS.

The Board notes with pleasure the increase of Grants-in-aid to the Baldwin Girls' School since last April, and records its hearty appreciation of the arrangements made by the W. F. M. S. to take over charge of the above named schools.

The Board respectfully nominates the following to be the Board of Trustees of the Baldwin Schools :

REV. J. B. BUTTRICK.
 „ W. H. HOLLISTER.
 „ A. W. RUDISILL, D.D.
 J. H. STEPHENS, ESQ.
 REV. C. W. ROSS DESOUZA.
 „ G. K. GILDER.
 „ W. L. KING.
 „ D. O. ERNSBERGER.
 MISS FISHER.

The Board recommends the appropriation of Rs. 50 a month from the Educational Fund to be paid as scholarships of Rs. 10 per mensem each to three of the Curties' children, and two of the Toussaint children representing an aggregate of Rs. 600 for the year.

For the Board,

C. W. ROSS DESOUZA.

Memoir.

JOHN NARAPPA.

John Narappa was born in the year 1847 in Gurujaal, a village in Cudappah District. He belonged to a respectable Hindu family. His parents were in good circumstances. His mother-tongue was Telugu. He was employed in the D. P. W. on a good salary. He was led to the Lord by American Missionaries in Madanapalli, where he served the Lord among his own people for a short period, and testified to the saving power of Jesus Christ. About thirty years ago he came to Bangalore and worked as a teacher in connection with the London Missionary Society. Here he became acquainted with Miss L. H. Anstey, and after she started work in Kolar John Narappa joined her, and was employed as a teacher, and later as a catechist and native pastor. He continued as such until Miss Anstey's work was handed over to the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1890.

After four years of faithful service, he was ordained by Bishop Thoburn and appointed to various places in the vicinity of Kolar. His life was most exemplary. Never discontented under any circumstances, he seemed a living exemplification of 1 Timothy vi. 6. "Godliness with contentment is great gain." He was a friend, brother and true pastor to all to whom he ministered.

His health was on the whole good until he was seized with diabetes, and for eighteen months he struggled with disease until death released him on the 6th of March, 1902. He has gone to his eternal reward, and to the bosom of his Lord and Master whom he served so faithfully. He has left behind him a sorrowing wife and six children. Three of the children are settled in married life, but three are still young and are in the care of the mother.

G. GERSHOM.
N. DESAI.
A. E. COOK.

MRS. ERAMMA NURSAYA.

The subject of this sketch was one of the hundreds of poor waifs picked up by the Missionaries during the famine of 1879. She was put into one of our schools where she soon manifested a quick, clear, intellect, making marked progress in her studies. Two years after her rescue she was brightly converted and became an earnest, devoted christian.

She married M. Nursaya, the present pastor and evangelist at Yellandu, and proved herself a faithful wife and wise mother, as well as an honored and successful helpmeet in all departments of Christian work, laboring several years in Sironcha and Yellandu.

Her presiding elder says of her :—

“ She was everywhere welcomed and respected and as highly honored in the home of a Comati family as among the most lowly of the working classes. She easily stood the first Christian woman in character and influence, among all our Yellandu Christians.

After a comparatively brief illness on the 30th of May, the Lord took Eramma to Himself. It was unexpected, but she was ready, and from her dying bed in the hospital in Yellandu, she sent messages of triumph to one and another, that declare her victory over sin and death through Him who loved her. She left four children and a sorrowing husband. One of the children is but an infant.

One Eramma repays us for years of weary orphan rescue toil. We believe we shall see many yet rise up among our orphans and Christians to follow in her footsteps, and by her Lord be made as honored and successful workers for Christ.”

Resolutions.

I.

We hereby place on record our continued affection for Brother G. K. Gilder, Presiding Elder of Godavery District, and Brother W. L. King, Presiding Elder of Hyderabad District, now absent in America. We assure them of our prayers for them and their families that God may grant them health and great grace.

Resolved that we commend the urgency and promise of their respective districts to the sympathy of good people of the home land, and we earnestly pray that special Divine power may rest upon our dear brethren in their labors for the promotion of the importunate interests of the multitudes of heathen in their districts who are rapidly coming under the influence of christian teaching. We commend our dear brethren to the confidence of friends of Missions.

C. B. WARD.

D. O. ERNSBERGER.

II.

Resolved that in harmony with the action of the Finance Committee of July last, we, the members of the South India Conference memorialize the Central Conference next to be held, to memorialize the General Conference to grant an Enabling Act for the organization of the Godavery District of the South India Conference into a Mission Conference.

C. B. WARD.

D. O. ERNSBERGER.

III.

Whereas in our judgment the time is not yet ripe for the organization of a Home Missionary Society such as has been suggested by the Rev. H. R. Calkins, resolved that the matter be referred to the Central Conference.

C. W. ROSS DESOUZA.
R. C. GROSE.

IV.

We desire to put on record our sincere appreciation of the generous service of Miss E. L. Harvey, who in addition to her legitimate duties as a W. F. M. S. Missionary, has acted as Treasurer of the Godavery District for the last seven months, besides conducting the somewhat laborious correspondence with special contributors and Orphan patrons that is essential to the best relations with our generous friends.

Resolved that we tender her our truest expression of gratitude for this kindly and most sympathetic help at a time when Godavery District is so short-handed.

D. O. ERNSBERGER.
C. B. WARD.

V.

Evidences accumulate that the distribution of the Word of God is a most effective factor in christianizing the idolater, and building up the Christian. We therefore record our gratitude for the generous support of colporteurs under the charge of Missionaries within the bounds of our Conference, on the part of the National Bible Society of Scotland. We tender the friends of the above Society our thanks for their hearty co-operation in this Mission field, and assure them of our warmest sympathy and of the help of our prayers in their great work in the world.

C. B. WARD.
A. E. COOK.

VI.

Resolved that we earnestly plead with the Secretary of the Bible Society of Madras for the same generous treatment shown us by the Bombay, North India, and Calcutta Bible Societies in the matter of discount on Scriptures, and that a Committee of one member of this Conference be appointed by Bishop Warne to present this matter to the Secretary in Madras.

C. B. WARD.
J. H. GARDEN.

VII.**(1)**

Whereas in the providence of God it has been our privilege and pleasure to have had our beloved Bishop Warne with us, and to note God's goodness in restoring him to vigour, *resolved* that we hereby record our hearty appreciation of his courteous graceful and inspiring services in our midst during the session of this Conference.

(2)

Resolved that we hereby tender our warmest thanks to Bro. and Sister Hollister, Misses Fisher, Maskell and Woods of Kolar, assisted by Bro. and Sister Buttrick of Bowringpet for the generous hospitality and comfortable entertainment provided for the members of this Conference during its sessions in Kolar. We also take this opportunity of recording our appreciation of the courtesy of the leading and representative non-christian citizens of Kolar in mingling with us during our public services, and in inviting us to mingle with them.

(3)

Having heard that Bro. and Sister Cook are going away on leave, and with the memories of the pleasant association with them in the work, *resolved* that we affectionately commend them to the Church in America assuring them of our prayers and best wishes for their temporal and spiritual welfare.

(4)

Resolved that we hereby express in a special manner our very hearty appreciation of Sister Hollister's kindness to us all as our chief hostess, and hearing that she hopes to leave India with her children to spend some time in the homeland, we take this opportunity of tendering to her, and to Sister Buttrick who is also leaving India, our very best wishes for a safe voyage, and a prosperous time during their absence from us.

C. B. WARD.

C. W. ROSS DESOUZA.

A. W. RUDISILL.

VIII.

The Indian members of this Conference desire to place on record their deep gratitude to Bro. and Sister Hollister, and Bro. and Sister Gershom for the great trouble they were put to in entertaining Conference, and providing such comfortable accommodation for them during their stay in Kolar.

K. R. GOPALAH.

S. MAIGUR.

N. DESAI.

Courses of Study.

Studies required of Missionaries who take a vernacular course concurrently.

The privileges of this course, as regards abridgment, are not to be extended to any who do not at the same time present themselves for examination in a vernacular except in the case of those who may have completed the vernacular course. All the books are those named in the course of study in the Discipline of 1900.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

Larger Catechism.—*Nast*.

Life of John Wesley.—*Telford*.

Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience.—*Merrill*.

To be read :—

Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church (1900).

The Revival and the Pastor.—*Peck*.

FIRST YEAR.

Introduction to the Holy Scriptures (Old Testament, pp. 1—447).—*Harman*.

Systematic Theology, Vol. I.—*Miley*.

Christian Purity, or the Heritage of Faith.—*Foster*.

Discipline of the M. E. Church, 1900.—(Parts I-V.)

Sermon.

To be read :—

Sermons (Vol. I) i-xxxiii.—*Wesley*.

SECOND YEAR

Introduction to the Holy Scriptures (New Testament, pp. 448-770).—*Harman*.

Systematic Theology, Vol. II.—*Miley*.

Discipline of the M. E. Church, 1900.—(Part VI to end.)

Essay.

To be read :—

Sermons (Vol. I.), xxxiv—lviii.—*Wesley*.

Digest of Methodist Law. (Edition of 1900).—*Merrill*.

THIRD YEAR.

Biblical Hermeneutics.—*Terry*.

History of the Christian Church, Vol. I.—*Hurst*.

Exegetical Studies in the Pentateuch. (The Pentateuch and Isaiah.)—*Warren*.

To be read :—

The Supernatural Book.—*Foster*.

FOURTH YEAR.

History of the Christian Church, Vol. II.—*Hurst*.

The Foundations of the Christian Faith.—*Rishell*.

Exegetical Studies in Isaiah. (The Pentateuch and Isaiah).—*Warren*.

To be read :—

Life and Epistles of St. Paul.—*Conybeare and Howson*.

VERNACULAR COURSES OF STUDY FOR MISSIONARIES.

[These Courses are intended only for persons learning the Vernaculars, and hence examinations should be conducted solely to ascertain how far the candidate has mastered the language of the text-book. No questions are to be asked concerning the subject-matter of the book.]

TAMIL COURSE FOR MISSIONARIES.

First Year.

1. Pope's Hand-book ; Lessons 1-45. Oral Examination.
Dictation from Exercises of same.
2. Tamil 1st Standard Reader, C. V. E. S.
3. Mark's Gospel.

Second Year.

1. Pope's Hand-book, completed.
2. Bazaar Book : Chapters 4-9.
3. Gospels of Matthew and John.
4. Methodist Episcopal Ritual.
5. Atti Sudi, 50-line Edition.
6. Conversation with Examiner on simple topics.

Third Year.

1. Pope's 2nd Tamil Grammar.
2. Bazaar Book, completed.
3. Mudarai.
4. Romans, and Psalms, 1-34.
5. Ten minutes' address in Tamil.

Fourth Year.

1. Lazarus' Nannul.
2. Tamil Minor Poets... { Nanneri.
 { Nethinerivilekkam.
3. Kural : Stanzas 101-130.
4. Isaiah, Chapter 40 to end.
5. Tamil Sermon in MS.
6. Do *Extempore.*

KANARESE COURSE FOR MISSIONARIES.

First Year.

1. Gospel of Luke. Revised Version. Marks 100. (Fluent reading and correct pronunciation).
2. Hodson's Grammar. First half. Marks 100.
3. Katha Spatathi (Written translation). Marks 100.

4. Dictation. An easy passage not exceeding 100 words from Luke's Gospel. Marks 50.
5. Practical Key (pages 1-26). Marks 100.
6. Conversation with the Examiner in Kanarese, on the contents of the Gospel of Luke. Marks 150.

Second Year.

1. Genesis (Reading and translation). Marks 100.
2. Hodson's Grammar, the whole. Marks 100.
3. Katha Sangraha (Parts II & III). Written translation, and Grammatical questions. Marks 100.
4. Practical Key, the whole. (Written and Oral translations). Marks 100.
5. Conversation in Kanarese concerning the contents of Genesis. Marks 150.
6. Kanarese Service. The examinee will be expected to conduct the service according to the Disciplinary form and preach a Sermon. Marks 150.

Third Year.

1. The Book of Acts. Marks 100. (Reading and Translation).
2. Gadya Sangraha. Marks 100. (Translation and Grammatical Analysis).
3. Shalavya karana, the whole. Marks 100.
4. Translation into Kanarese of a selected passage from Wesley's Sermons. Marks 100.
5. Written exposition in Kanarese of a passage in Acts, selected at the time. Marks 100.
6. Preaching. Marks 100.

Fourth Year.

1. Psalms. Marks 100. Interpretation in Kanarese.
2. Shabdadorsha. Marks 100.
3. Katha Sangraha (Part IV). Fifty proverbs to be committed to memory. Marks 100.
4. Padya Sara (stanzas 1-128) parsing and paraphrasing. Marks 100.
5. Reading and translating a Kanarese letter written by a Mission Agent on Missionary topics in an ordinary running hand. Marks 100.
6. Preaching. Marks 100.

OPTIONAL EXAMINATION.

1. Nagavarma's prosody.
2. Shabdamanidarpana and Halaganada Vyakarana Sutragalu.
3. Kanada Vyakarana Bodhini.
4. Larger Anthology.
5. Kanada Gramaya (Original Work).
6. Caldwell's Comparative Grammar of the Dravidian Languages.
7. Kanarese Inscriptions.
8. A Critical Examination of the Kanarese Revised Version.

TELUGU COURSE FOR MISSIONARIES.

First Year.

1. The Gospel of Luke.
2. New First Standard Reader, C. L. S. I.
3. Arden's Grammar and Reader : Chaps. I—XVI.

Second Year.

1. Vikramarka Tales.
2. Arden's Grammar : Remainder.
3. Genesis and Exodus.
4. Oral Exercises.

Third Year.

1. Panchatantram.
2. Romans and Corinthians.
3. Arden's Grammar and Reader : Revision.
4. Translation : Marsden's 3rd Reader, Anglo-Telugu.

Fourth Year.

1. Nitichandrika : Part I.
2. Sheshayya's Grammar.
3. Job, Psalms, Isaiah.

Fifth Year, Optional.

1. Poetry : Nalopakhyanam.
2. Venkayya's Grammar.

IN URDU AND HINDI, INCLUDING ELEMENTARY PERSIAN,
ARABIC, AND SANSKRIT, FOR FOREIGN MISSIONARIES
OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN INDIA.

I. This course shall consist of three standards of two sections each, *viz.*, Lower, Middle, and Proficiency Standards in both the Urdu and Hindi languages.

II. The Urdu of the Lower Standard shall be compulsory and the Hindi optional ; also one section, either the Urdu or the Hindi, of the Middle and Proficiency Standards respectively shall be compulsory.

III. The candidate will be expected to pass the first section of Lower Standard examination within, or at the close of, his first year's residence, and he may be allowed to complete both sections in that time ; but *must* pass in both within two years from the time of joining his Conference in India.

IV. All Conference examinations shall take place under the direction of a board of six or more examiners appointed by the Bishop, which board shall, as far as possible, remain unchanged from year to year.

V. The Annual Conference examinations shall begin on the morning of the day preceding the date fixed for the opening of the Conference, a majority of the board being present.

VI. The following course of study, in accordance with rule I, is prescribed :—

I

LOWER STANDARD.

(To be completed in two years.)

A.—URDU.

1. Grammar :—Platts'—omitting chapters on Arabic and Persian construction and Derivations and Syntax : 100.

2. Reading (Roman, Lithograph and Type) : Matthew and Mark's Gospels, Haqaiq ul Maujdat : 100.

3. Translation : 150.

(1) Urdu-English : 10 lines from Urdu Sec. Bk., C. E. S., 50.

(2) English-Urdu : 10 lines from English Sec. Bk., C. E. S.
Half written in Persian and half written in Roman : 60.

(3) Definition : 40.

4. Pronunciation : 100.

5. Conversation : 100.

Read : Bishop Thoburn's *India and Malaysia*.

B.—HINDI.

1. Grammar (Kellog's) : 100.

2. Reading (Nagri)

Matthew and Mark's Gospels ; Dharm Tula : 100.

3. Translation : 150.

(1) Hindi and English : 10 lines from Hindi Sec. Bk.,
C. E. S. : 50.

(2) English and Hindi : 10 lines from English Sec. Bk.,
C. E. S. : 60.

Half written in Nagri and half written in Roman.

(3) Definition : 40.

4. Pronunciation : 100.

5. Conversation : 100.

Read : Hunter's *Brief History of the Indian People*.

MIDDLE STANDARD.

A.—URDU.

1. Grammar : Platts', the whole, Forbes' Persian : 100.

2. Reading (Litho. and Type) : Luke and John's Gospels. Dini Haqq ki Thaqiq, Muntakhabat i Farsi : 100.

3. Translation : 150.

(1) Urdu-English: 10 lines from Urdu Third Bk., C.E.S., 50.

(2) English-Urdu : 10 lines from English Third Bk., C. E. S.
Half written in Persian and half in Roman : 60.

(3) Definition : 40.

4. Pronunciation : 100.

5. Conversation : 100.

Read : Muir's *Life of Muhammad*.

B.—HINDI.

1. Grammar : (Review) 100.

Ballantyn's Elementary Sanskrit.

2. Reading :

Luke and John's Gospels : 100.

Shakuntala (Ed. by Rajah Lakshman Singh).

3. Translation : 150.

(1) Hindi-English : 10 lines from Hindi Third Bk., C.E.S., 50

(2) English-Hindi : 10 lines from English Third Bk., C. E. S.
Half written in Nagri and half in Roman : 60.

(3) Definition : 40.

4. Pronunciation : 100.

5. Conversation : 100.

Read : Wilkin's *Hindu Mythology*.

PROFICIENCY STANDARD.

A.—URDU.

1. Grammar : Kempson's Syntax and Idioms of Hindustani,
Palmer's Arabic : 100.2. Reading : Mizan ul Haqq, Bag o Bahar ; Sair dusre Darwesh
ki Forbes' Arabic Reader : 100.

3. Translation : 150.

(1) Urdu-English : 20 lines from English Fourth Bk.,
C. E. S., 50.(2) English-Urdu : 20 lines from English Fourth Bk., C.E.S.
Half written in Persian and half in Roman : 60.

Short sermon in Persian Character.

(3) Definition : 40.

4. Pronunciation : 100.

5. Conversation : 100.

Read : Sell's *Faith of Islam*.

B.—HINDI.

1. Grammar : Hindi (Review) Monier Williams' Sanskrit : 100.

2. Reading : Sat Mat Nirupan Prem Sagas Hitopadesha, First
Book : 100.

3. Translation : 150.

(1) Hindi-English : 20 lines from Hindi Fourth Bk., C. E. S., 50.

(2) English-Hindi : 20 lines from English Fourth Bk., C.E.S.
Half written in Nagri and half in Roman : 60.
Short sermon in Nagri Character.

(3) Definition : 40.

4. Pronunciation : 100.

5. Conversation : 100.

Read : Monier Williams' *Religious Life and Thought in India*.

VII. The candidate in order to pass must obtain at least one-half the aggregate marks in each subject.

VIII. The Board of Examiners, through the Convener, shall, at the close of the examination, inform the Candidate and the Secretary of the Conference of the result.

COURSE OF STUDY IN KANARESE (FOR NATIVES OF INDIA.)

1. FOR TRAVELLING PREACHERS.

1. FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

1. General Examination in Arithmetic, Grammar and Geography.
2. Catechism, No. 2.
3. Discipline. Ed. (1896).
4. Rise and Progress of Methodism.—*Robinson*.

§ 2. *First Year.*

1. Evidence of Christianity.—*Mitchell*.
2. Hutcheon's Theology, Part I.
3. Lectures on the Christian Ministry.—*Crisp*.
4. Written Sermon.

§ 3. *Second Year.*

1. Studies in the Word of God, No. 2.
2. Hutcheon's Theology, Part II.
3. Wesley on Christian Perfection.
4. The Sacraments Biblically.—(1) Baptism, (2) The Lord's Supper.
5. Written Sermon.

§ 4. *Third Year.*

1. Studies in the Word of God, No. 4.
2. Hutcheon's Theology, Part III.
3. Bible History in connection with the General History of the World.—*Rice*.

4. The Preacher's Mirror.—*H. Samuel*.
5. Written Sermon.

§ 5. *Fourth Year.*

1. Doctrines of the Gospels.—*Basel Mission*.
2. Outlines of Christian Theology.—*Hutcheon*, Review of the whole.
3. An Earnest Talk to Preachers.—*Haigh*.
4. Written Sermon.

COURSE OF STUDY IN TELUGU
(FOR NATIVES OF INDIA.)

1. FOR TRAVELLING PREACHERS.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

1. General Examination in Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography and General Knowledge of the Bible.
2. Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
3. Catechism, No. 3.
4. Rise and Progress of Methodism.

First Year.

1. Whateley's Evidence—5 Chapters.
2. Theology, Venkata Ratnam—7 Chapters.
3. Companion to the Bible, 89 pages.
4. Written Sermon.

Second Year.

1. Companion to the Bible, to page 168.
2. Theology, complete.
3. Christian Perfection.
4. Whateley's Evidences, complete, Part I.
5. Written Sermon.

Third Year.

1. Companion to the Bible, to page 283.
2. Whateley's Evidences, to end of Chapter III., Part II.
3. Subha Charitra (Johnston's Lowenthal, one half.)
4. Sacraments, Watson.

Fourth Year.

1. Companion to the Bible, to page 398.
2. Whateley's Evidences, complete.
3. Subha Charitra, complete.
4. Written Sermon.

DECEASED MEMBERS AND PROBATIONERS.

NAMES.	BORN.	JOINED S. I. CONF.	DATE OF DEATH.	PLACE OF DEATH.
Hiram Torbet ...	U. S. America ...	1878	March 12, 1879 ...	Bombay.
William Isaacson ...	India ...	1877	December 10, 1880	Allahabad.
Frank A. Goodwin ...	Biddeford, Maine, 1847 ...	1874	August 16, 1831...	Biddeford, Maine.
William F. C. M. Smith	India ...	1882	February 20, 1883.	Agra.
William E. Newlon ...	U. S. America ...	1875	1884 ...	U. S. America.
Franklin G. Davis ...	Gallipolis, Ohio, June 16, 1844	1875	October 22, 1884..	Gallipolis.
Barton T. Eddy ...	U. S. America ...	1883	January 12, 1886..	Bangalore.
George Bowen ...	U. S. America ...	Beginning	February 5, 1888..	Bombay.
William F. G. Curties..	Kampti, C. P., India ...	1874	August 19, 1897...	Madras.
Benjamin Peters ...	Madras ...	1876	May 10, 1898 ...	Madras.
Thomas R. Toussaint...	Jaffna, Ceylon ...	1893	January 25, 1899..	Madras.
John Narappa ...	Gurujaal, Cuddapah District, 1847 ...	1892	March 6, 1902.	Bowringpet.

SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE.

No.	DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1	November 9, 1876 ...	Bombay ...	Bishop Edward G. Andrews	Clark P. Hard.
2	Do. 15, 1877 ...	Calcutta ...	J. M. Thoburn ...	Clark P. Hard.
3	December 5, 1878 ...	Madras ...	Bishop Thomas Bowman...	W. J. Gladwin.
4	January 8, 1880 ...	Allababad ...	George Bowen ...	W. J. Gladwin.
5	December 15, 1880 ...	Bombay ...	Bishop S. M. Merrill ...	W. J. Gladwin.
6	November 3, 1881 ...	Bangalore ...	George Bowen ...	J. A. Northrup.
7	December 21, 1882 ...	Calcutta ...	Bishop R. S. Foster ...	J. A. Northrup.
8	November 22, 1883 ..	Allahaba d ...	J. M. Thoburn ...	J. A. Northrup.
9	Do. 20, 1884 ...	Hyderabad, Deccan.	Bishop J. F. Hurst ...	J. A. Northrup.
10	January 28, 1886 ...	Bombay ...	J. M. Thoburn ...	W. E. Robbins.
11	February 3, 1887 ...	Madras ...	Bishop W. X. Ninde ...	W. E. Robbins.
12	January 26, 1888 ...	Poona —	George Bowen ...	H. C. Stuntz.
13	Do. 31, 1889 ...	Bombay ...	Bishop J. M. Thoburn ...	H. C. Stuntz.
14	Do. 30, 1890 ...	Hyderabad, Deccan.	Bishop J. M. Thoburn ...	Geo. K. Gilder.
15	Do. 29, 1891 ...	Bangalore ...	Bishop J. M. Thoburn ...	William L. King.
16	December 17, 1891 ...	Poona ...	Bishop J. M. Thoburn ...	William L. King.
17	Do. 22, 1892 ...	Bombay ...	Bishop J. M. Thoburn ...	William L. King.
18	Do. 21, 1893 ...	Madras ...	Bishop J. M. Thoburn ...	William L. King.
19	January 19, 1895 ...	Bangalore ...	Bishop J. M. Thoburn ...	William L. King.
20	December 11, 1895 ...	Hyderabad, Deccan.	Bishop J. M. Thoburn ...	William L. King.
21	Do. 17, 1896 ...	Madras ...	Bishop J. M. Thoburn ...	J. B. Buttrick.
22	Do. 9, 1897 ...	Bangalore ...	Bishop Cyrus D. Foss ...	J. B. Buttrick.
23	Do. 15, 1898 ...	Hyderabad, Deccan.	Bishop J. M. Thoburn ...	W. H. Hollister.
24	Do. 28, 1899 ...	Madras ...	Bishop J. M. Thoburn ...	W. H. Hollister.
25	Do. 13, 1900 ...	Bangalore ...	Bishop F. W. Warne ...	W. H. Hollister.
26	Do. 12, 1901 ...	Hyderabad, Deccan.	Bishop F. W. Warne ...	Fawcett E. N. Shaw.
27	Do. 27, 1902 ...	Kolar ...	Bishop F. W. Warne ...	Fawcett E. N. Shaw.

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TOUR MEMBERS OF CHURCH Ages.	Average attendance of Officers, Teachers and Scholars.	Senior Leagues.	Senior Members.
145	130	1	5
243	200	1	5
110	90	1	1
220	200	1	5
718	620	4	23
32	20	...	...
106	85	1	8
433	401	...	...
40	30	...	...
116	100	...	...
40	30	...	...
74	65	...	...

STATISTICAL FORM I.

STATISTICS OF THE SOUTH INDIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE RELATING TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND WORK, FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30TH, 1902.

NAMES OF CIRCUIT.	CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.						BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.							EPWORTH LEAGUES.				CHRISTIAN WORKERS.											
	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.		Baptized Children.	Total No. of Christians.	DEATHS.		Children of Christian Parents.	Children from among non-Christians.	Adults.	Total Baptisms.	No. of Sunday Schools.	No. of Officers & Teachers.	SCHOLARS OF ALL AGES.					Average attendance of Officers, Teachers and Scholars.	Senior Leagues.	Senior Members.	Junior Leagues.	Junior Members.	Missionaries.	Missionaries' Wives.	W. F. M. S. Missionaries.	W. F. M. S. Assistants.	Native Members of Conference.	Local Preachers.	Exhorters.	All other Male Workers.	All other Female Workers (Bible Readers, Christian Teachers, Doctors, etc.)	Total Christian Workers.	
	Probationers.	Full Members.			From among Members and Probationers.	From among Baptized Children.							Christians.		Non-Christians.		Total Scholars of all Ages.																
													Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.																	
GODAVERY DISTRICT.																																	
Jagdapur	130	59	55	244	4	3	15	...	42	57	1	12	80	50	12	3	145	130	1	70	1	47	...	...	...	...	1	4	6	3	8	22
Raipur	265	29	150	384	4	7	11	34	20	65	4	20	75	100	55	13	243	200	1	77	1	70	1	1	...	1	3	...	4	9	25		
Sironcha	19	17	26	62	...	1	...	2	6	8	4	5	20	36	34	20	110	90	1	15	1	23	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	2	7	
Yellandu	13	64	58	135	1	3	6	...	...	6	7	18	65	60	50	45	220	200	1	70	1	60	1	1	...	1	...	...	5	9	18	
Total	367	169	289	825	9	14	32	33	68	136	16	55	240	246	151	81	718	620	4	232	4	200	2	2	1	3	3	8	9	16	28	72	
HAIDERABAD DISTRICT.																																	
Bidar	63	10	20	93	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	16	16	...	...	32	20	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	4	
Haiderabad—English Church ...	36	63	27	126	1	...	2	...	...	2	1	15	30	76	...	...	106	85	1	82	1	50	1	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	5	
" Hindustani Mission ...	16	23	40	79	1	...	5	...	2	7	14	15	10	47	170	206	433	401	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	6	1	...	2	1	10	23
" Educational ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	40	...	40	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2
Secunderabad, English Work ...	14	35	21	70	...	1	1	...	...	1	2	15	49	67	...	...	116	100	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2
" Vernacular ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	40	...	40	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vikarabad	79	79	60	218	3	4	2	8	16	26	5	5	30	5	22	17	74	65	...	...	1	25	1	1	...	...	2	4	2	6	16	
Total	208	210	168	586	5	5	10	8	18	36	26	58	135	211	272	223	841	731	1	82	2	75	4	3	3	6	1	6	8	3	16	50	
MADRAS DISTRICT.																																	
Bangalore—English Church ...	4	41	...	45	...	...	5	...	...	5	3	27	105	143	...	...	248	200	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	4
" Vernacular Circuit ...	8	14	...	22	...	...	1	...	...	1	6	7	6	8	105	108	227	180	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	2	4	10
" Baldwin High Schools ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bowringpet	12	16	33	61	...	...	2	4	5	11	12	7	14	17	121	124	276	230	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	3	2	2	1	11
Hosur	6	18	19	43	...	1	2	...	1	3	3	2	3	3	66	18	90	85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	4
Kodambakam	21	12	18	51	1	...	2	4	2	8	3	2	8	4	138	...	150	135	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	3
Kolar	110	81	3	194	2	1	3	...	53	56	9	34	95	206	38	52	391	350	1	50	1	160	1	1	3	4	1	2	3	3	31	49	
Madras—Methodist Episcopal Publishing House and Boys' Orphanage ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	18	68	...	60	35	163	120	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Vepery, English Circuit ...	22	108	10	140	4	2	7	...	...	7	4	21	90	121	10	13	234	190	1	43	2	67	1	1	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	7
" Tamil Circuit ...	100	80	...	180	5	3	3	14	...	17	12	29	50	58	60	232	400	350	1	42	1	35	...	...	1	6	1	...	1	3	...	12
" Narasingapuram Circuit ...	21	18	...	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	...	30	220	...	250	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
" Rayapuram Circuit ...	37	47	12	96	...	1	...	12	5	17	4	11	41	45	43	27	156	142	1	35	1	20	1	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	5
Mulbagal	1	4	3	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	2	2	3	10	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Srinivasapur	18	18	39	75	1	...	11	...	2	13	2	3	38	30	6	4	78	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	3	
Kuppam	4	2	6	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	4	...	...	7	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	2
Total	364	459	143	966	13	8	36	34	68	138	66	167	524	671	869	616	2,680	2,256	4	170	5	282	6	5	4	11	6	17	13	13	37	112	
RAICHUR DISTRICT.																																	
Bellary
Gulburga	88	17	104	209	1	...	4	...	2	6	2	9	39	...	13	8	60	51	1	20	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	3	...	2	...	10
Kopbal	12	9	2	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	7	1	3	144	16	164	125	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	2	...	8
Raichur	89	28	46	163	1	...	7	3	10	20	5	12	12	56	35	42	145	120	1	50	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	1	2	6	...	14
Shorapur	70	12	41	123	...	...	1	...	3	4	7	3	40	20	22	2	84	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	4
Wondalli	16	...	11	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Total	275	66	204	545	2	...	12	3	15	30	18	31	92	79	214	68	453	376	2	70	...	...	2	...	1	1	2	3	8	9	11	37
Grand Total	1,214	904	804	2,922	29	27	90	81	169	340	126	311	991	1,207	1,506	988	4,692	3,983	11	554	11	557	14	10	9	21	12	34	38	41	92	271	
Total last year	1,231	777	988	2,996	42	27	76	126	103	305	110	261	962	1,166	1,204	992	4,324	3,774	10	456	14	660	16	11	7	21	13	27	30	45	92	262	
Increase	127	14	...	66	35	16	50	29	41	302	...	368	209	1	98	2	...	7	8	9	
Decrease	17	...	184	74	13	45	4	3	3	2	1	4	

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STATISTICAL FORM II.

STATISTICS OF THE SOUTH INDIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE RELATING TO CHURCH FINANCES, FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30TH, 1902.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS.	CHURCH PROPERTY.										MINISTERIAL SUPPORT (COLLECTED IN SOUTHERN ASIA).						BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										OTHER COLLECTIONS.				INCOME EARNED IN SOUTHERN ASIA.				
	Number of Churches.	Probable Value of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.	Probable Value of Parsonages.	Value of all other Property.	Total Value of all Property.	Present Indebtedness on all Property.	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages only.	Paid on Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages only.	Paid for Building, Improving and Purchasing Churches and Parsonages only.	Apportioned to be raised by Native Church for Pastors.	Raised by Native Church for Pastor including Rent.	Pastoral Support from Europeans including Rent.	Raised for Conference Claimants.	Raised for Episcopal Fund.	Total collected for Ministerial Support.	For Missionary Society.		Children's Day Collection For Education.	For Bible Society.	For Tract Society.	For Indian Sunday School Union.	For Women's Societies.	All other Benevolences, (Schools, special aid, etc.)	Total Benevolent Collections.	For Building, Improving and Purchasing Property.	Current Expenses and all other Local Uses.	For General Conference Expenses.	Total of Ministerial Support and all Collections.	Government aid to Schools and Buildings.	Tuitional and other School Fees.	Earned by Industrial Institutions, Presses, Medical Practice, etc.	Total Earned Income.	Grand Total collected and earned in Southern Asia.	
																	From Churches.	From Sunday Schools.																	
GODAVERY DISTRICT.		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Jagdalpur	1	5,000	1	20,000	45,000	70,000	7,000	..	..	..	..	953	3,496	11	..	4,460	12	10	..	30	..	..	..	..	52	133	1,904	3	6,552	..	..	2,200	2,200	8,752
Raipur	1	3,500	..	..	6,112	9,612	..	..	..	1,414	..	51	..	15	..	66	9	9	10	5	..	..	..	..	33	4,586	..	..	4,685	..	..	..	..	4,685
Sironcha	1	400	1	2,000	17,000	19,400	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	10	8	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	4	34	..	..	..	34	
Yellandu	1	3,000	1	20,000	67,000	90,000	..	..	..	..	..	1,724	4,560	15	..	6,299	12	10	..	14	..	..	..	..	36	..	2,561	2	8,898	165	240	1,750	2,155	11,053
Total	4	11,900	3	42,000	1,35,112	1,89,012	7,000	..	..	1,414	..	2,728	8,056	51	..	10,835	41	29	18	51	2	..	..	..	141	4,719	4,465	9	20,169	165	240	3,950	4,355	24,524
HAIDERABAD DISTRICT.																																			
Bidar ... ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	16	..	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	..	..	..	..	27
Haiderabad—English Church	1	30,000	1	15,000	..	45,000	..	..	..	300	..	..	3,200	141	..	3,341	78	..	78	24	..	..	..	288	468	..	1,472	..	5,281	..	..	..	..	5,281
Hindustani Mission	..	..	..	..	48,700	48,700	..	..	..	..	..	23	416	20	..	459	15	..	43	..	..	..	..	..	59	..	3	..	520	..	..	..	..	520
Educational	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	792	604	..	1,396	1,396	
Secunderabad—English	1	9,000	..	..	..	9,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,238	69	..	2,307	..	38	38	16	8	..	..	10	110	..	..	11	2,428	..	..	..	2,428	
Vernacular	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vikarabad ... ..	..	..	1	9,000	6,700	15,700	719	..	..	..	45	38	30	14	..	82	7	..	5	18	..	..	..	329	359	..	..	2	443	..	32	57	89	532
Total	2	39,000	2	24,000	55,400	1,18,400	719	..	..	300	45	72	5,884	260	..	6,216	100	38	164	58	8	..	..	627	995	..	1,475	13	8,699	792	636	57	1,485	10,184
MADRAS DISTRICT.																																			
Bangalore—English Circuit	1	10,000	1	7,500	..	17,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,200	90	..	1,290	35	..	55	..	..	..	..	..	90	..	720	10	2,110	..	..	..	..	2,110
Vernacular Circuit	1	10,000	1	4,000	..	14,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	7	..	..	..	7	
Baldwin High Schools	..	..	..	..	36,000	36,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,600	4,400	..	8,000	8,000
Bowringpet	1	1,000	3	6,800	5,000	12,800	5,450	2,400	..	214	12	12	..	10	..	22	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	94	104	214	27	370	..	..	..	..	370	
Hosur ... ..	..	..	2	3,000	..	3,000	..	..	..	..	12	12	..	3	..	15	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	54	
Kodambakam ... ..	..	..	1	500	120	620	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	25	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	34	1	54	..	..	..	54	
Kolar	5	11,200	1	10,000	90,725	1,11,925	11,000	4,000	..	4,000	..	166	..	30	..	196	23	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	43	403	..	5	647	1,382	..	1,771	3,153	3,800
Kuppam ... ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	..	3	..	9	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	14	..	..	..	14	
Madras—Methodist Episcopal Publishing House and Orphanage	..	..	..	..	Press & Property.	2,50,000	60,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Madras—Vepery English Circuit	3	18,000	1	10,000	..	28,000	..	775	..	292	..	..	1,261	101	..	1,362	..	22	81	11	..	..	..	..	114	240	394	..	2,110	..	..	..	..	2,110
Tamil Circuit	..	..	..	..	1,00,000	1,00,000	..	..	..	..	..	31	..	7	..	38	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	41	..	..	..	41	
Narsingapuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	4	60	..	..	60	
Mulbagal ... ..	..	..	1	200	..	200	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	7	..	..	..	7	
Srinivasapur	1	500	2	265	..	765	..	..	..	..	12	12	..	8	..	20	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	1	27	..	..	..	27	
Madras—Royapooram	..	..	..	..	4,170	4,170	..	..	..	..	..	..	487	10	..	497	..	10	2	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	2	513	..	..	..	513	
Total	12	50,700	13	42,265	4,86,015	5,78,980	76,450	6,175	4,000	4,506	42	263	2,948	269	..	3,480	76	32	178																

STATISTICS ENDING NOVEMBER 30TH, 1902.

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STATISTICAL FORM III.

STATISTICS OF THE SOUTH INDIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE RELATING TO SCHOOLS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30TH, 1902.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS.	VERNACULAR SCHOOLS.										EUROPEAN AND ANGLO-VERNACULAR SCHOOLS.										GRAND TOTALS.			
	Boys' Schools.					Girls' Schools.					Boys' Schools.					Girls' Schools.					Total No. of Schools.	Total No. of Teachers.	Total No. on Rolls at end of year.	Total Average Daily Attendance.
	No. of Boys' Schools.	No. on Roll at end of year.			Average Daily Attendance for year.	No of Girls' Schools.	No. on Roll at end of year.			Average Daily Attendance for year.	No. of Boys' Schools.	No. on Roll at end of year.			Average Daily Attendance for year.	No. of Girls' Schools.	No. on Roll at end of year.			Average Daily Attendance for year.				
		Christians.	Non-Christians.	Total.			Christians.	Non-Christians.	Total.			Christians.	Non-Christians.	Total.			Christians.	Non-Christians.	Total.					
GODAVERY DISTRICT.																								
Jagdalpur	1	55	...	55	40	1	30	25	55	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	110	80
Raipur	4	57	50	107	185	1	50	...	50	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	6	157	130
Sironcha	2	15	30	45	35	1	18	22	40	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	85	67
Yellandu	1	22	8	30	25	1	30	2	32	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	62	53
Total	8	149	88	237	185	4	128	49	177	145	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	14	414	330
HAIDERABAD DISTRICT.																								
Bidar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Haiderabad—Hindustani Mission	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. English Church	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	125	125	120	...	...	...	...	...	1	65	10	75	65	5	10	200	185
Secunderabad—English	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. Educational	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	125	127	97	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	127	97
Vikarabad	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	17	18	35	24	1	2	...	2	2	2	4	37	26
Total	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	125	125	120	2	19	143	162	121	2	67	10	77	67	8	21	364	308
MADRAS DISTRICT.																								
Bangalore—English Circuit	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. Vernacular Circuit	1	7	36	43	32	1	3	9	12	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	55	40
Do. Baldwin H. S.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	60	...	60	55	1	77	...	77	72	2	16	137	127
Bowringpet	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	...	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	6	6
Kolar	1	77	...	77	75	5	140	65	205	185	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	18	282	260
Kodambakam	2	4	21	25	20	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	25	20
Hosur	1	3	15	18	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	18	16
Kuppam	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Madras—Methodist Episcopal Publishing House and Boys' Orphanage...	3	92	86	178	160	1	...	30	30	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	18	208	185
„ Vepery, English Circuit	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	30	...	30	24	1	1	30	24
„ Tamil Circuit	...	...	...	...	...	10	250	411	661	500	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	661	500
„ Narasingapuram Circuit	1	30	60	90	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	90	80
„ Royapuram	3	12	110	122	96	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	122	96
Mulbagal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Srinivasapur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	12	225	328	553	479	18	393	515	998	718	2	66	...	66	61	1	107	...	107	96	33	77	1,634	1,354
RAICHUR DISTRICT.																								
Gulburga	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	38	...	38	35	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	38	35
Kopbal	4	1	160	161	145	1	...	19	19	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	8	180	155
Raichur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	50	...	50	43	1	3	50	43
Shorapur	1	5	1	6	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	6	5
Wondalli	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	5	6	161	167	150	1	...	19	19	10	1	38	...	38	35	1	50	...	50	43	8	18	274	238
Grand Total	25	380	577	957	814	27	521	708	1,229	993	5	123	143	266	217	4	224	10	234	206	61	130	2,686	2,230
Total last year	24	270	500	770	654	23	439	563	1,002	876	5	131	127	258	211	5	212	17	229	207	57	113	2,259	1,948
Increase	1	110	77	187	160	4	82	145	227	117	16	8	6	...	12	...	5	...	4	17	427	282
Decrease	8	1	...	7	...	1

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STATISTICAL FORM IV.

STATISTICS OF THE SOUTH INDIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE RELATING TO COLPORTAGE, FOR THE YEAR
ENDING NOVEMBER 30TH, 1902.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS.	SCRIPTURE AND TRACTS SOLD AND DISTRIBUTED.										Colportage, how supported.	
	No. of Men employed as Col- porteurs.	No. of Vernacular Bibles sold or distributed.	No. of Vernacular New Testa- ments sold or distributed.	No. of Vernacular Portions sold or distributed.	No. of English Bibles sold or distributed.	No. of English New Testa- ments sold or distributed.	No. of English Portions sold or distributed.	Total No. of Bibles, Testa- ments and Portions sold or distributed.	No. of Tracts and Books sold or distributed.	Amount of Sales of all kinds.		
GODAVERY DISTRICT.												
Jagdalpur	3	10	28	1,894	...	...	...	1,932	65	Rs. 64 13 0	Nat. B. Society. Do. Do. Do.
Raipur	3	6	31	1,900	6	8	113	2,064	...	54 4 0		
Sironcha	2	9	...	1,417	...	...	...	1,426	50	34 0 0	
Yellandu	4	12	24	5,971	...	...	...	6,007	250	83 0 0	
Total	12	37	83	11,182	6	8	113	11,429	365	236 1 0		
HAIDERABAD DISTRICT.												
Bidar	1	...	...	237	...	...	...	237	...	12 0 0	Nat. B. Society. Do.
Haiderabad—Hindustani Mission	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. English Church	1	...	5	1,307	...	43	22	1,377	30,000	48 0 0		
Secunderabad—English	1	4	1	334	8	12	...	359	4,000	24 0 0		
Do. Educational	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vikarabad	2	...	13	899	...	...	...	912	3,000	31 0 0	
Total	5	4	19	2,777	8	55	22	2,885	37,000	115 0 0		
MADRAS DISTRICT.												
Bangalore—English Circuit	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nat. B. Society.
Do. Vernacular Circuit	2	12	25	1,200	6	10	...	1,253	100	50 0 0		
Do. Baldwin H. S.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bowringpet	1	1	...	738	2	2	1	744	671	20 0 0		Do.
Kolar	2	26	9	898	1	934	850	34 0 0		Do.
Kodambakam	2	120	160	300	...	...	...	580	1,250	15 0 0	Do.
Hosur	2	...	...	949	...	3	...	952	2,000	15 0 0	Do.
Kuppam	1	...	...	91	...	...	...	91	32	15 0 0	Do.
Madras—Methodist Episcopal Publishing House and Boys' Orphanage...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Vepery, English Circuit	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Do.
„ Tamil Circuit	...	3	12	...	...	...	...	15	12,000	...	
„ Narasingapuram Circuit	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,000	...	
„ Royapuram	2	96	56	230	...	...	...	382	5,000	6 0 0	
Mulbagal	...	...	...	250	...	...	...	250	...	2 0 0	
Srinivasapur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Do.
Total	12	258	262	4,656	9	15	1	5,201	31,903	157 0 0		
RAICHUR DISTRICT.												
Gulburga	1	2	4	273	6	3	17	305	155	19 0 0	Nat. B. Society. Do. Do. Do.	
Kopbal	1	...	...	274	...	...	...	274	720	8 0 0	
Raichur	1	1	4	427	...	...	...	432	500	16 0 0	
Shorapur	1	1	5	140	1	2	4	153	1,499	15 0 0		
Wondalli	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	4	4	13	1,114	7	5	21	1,164	2,874	58 0 0		
Grand Total	33	303	377	19,729	30	83	157	20,679	38,842	566 1 0		
Total last year	35	213	230	13,694	120	144	131	14,532	52,536	531 0 0		
Increase	147	6,035	26	6,147	...	35 11 0		
Decrease	2	10	90	61	13,694		



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